For information on funding opportunities and other information related to sponsored research, please visit research.cba.ua.edu or contact Deborah Hamilton (8-2952).

**Employment Policies Institute (EPI)**

EPI is interested in research proposals from independent economists affiliated with accredited universities which focus, at least in part, on implications for entry-level employment. EPI is currently seeking research proposals in:

- Employer Mandates
- Distortions in the Healthcare Market and the Implications of Reforms
- Effective Marginal Tax Rates for Minimum Wage Increases
- Paid Family Leave
- Paid Sick Leave

http://www.epionline.org/
RFP071.cfm?CFID=594857&CFTOKEN=42061000

**Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) Foundation**

The SHRM Foundation funds original, rigorous empirical research projects that advance the HR profession.

The SHRM Foundation funds high impact HR research, aimed at an academic audience while also having direct actionable implications for HR practice, whether the focus is on addressing current challenges or understanding emerging trends. Any topic will be considered, however the grant must be for original rigorous empirical academic research that advances the HR profession.

While aimed at an academic audience, funded research should also have clear applicability for HR practice and help contribute to evidence-based HR. As such, projects submitted for funding should have a high likelihood of both adding value to the HR academic literature (i.e., be suitable for leading academic journals) and yielding practical implications for HR managers (i.e., applied outlets should be interested in the research results).

The SHRM Foundation is open to funding research using any type of research methodology as long as the proposed methodology is sound and appropriate for the proposed research question(s). Those research questions typically (but not solely) take the form of theoretically derived hypotheses.

The average research grant award over the past two years has been $63,000, and the Foundation has funded grants up to $165,000. The maximum budget request is $200,000. If approved for funding, projects must be completed within two years from the date of project approval. Deadline is December 14.

http://www.shrm.org/about/foundation/research/Pages/default.aspx

**National Science Foundation (NSF)**

Dissertation Research Improvement Grants

NSF’s Division of Social and Economic Sciences (SES) and Division of Science Resources Statistics (SRS) award grants to doctoral students to improve the quality of dissertation research. These grants provide funds for items not normally available through the student’s university. They allow doctoral students to undertake significant data-gathering projects and to conduct field research in settings away from their campus that would not otherwise be possible. Proposals are judged on the basis of their scientific merit, including the theoretical importance of the research question and the appropriateness of the proposed data and methodology to be used in addressing the question. In an effort to improve the quality of dissertation research, many programs in SES and the Research on Science and Technology Surveys and Statistics Program within SRS accept doctoral dissertation improvement grant proposals.

The following programs support dissertation research:

In SES: Decision, Risk, and Management Science; Economics; Law and Social Science; Methodology, Measurement, and Statistics; Political Science; Science of Science and Innovation Policy; Science, Technology, and Society; and Sociology

In SRS: Research on Science and Technology Surveys and Statistics Program; and Science of Science and Innovation Policy

Deadlines vary by program but are around mid-January.

http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=13453
National Science Foundation's Expeditions in Computing

The Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE) has created the Expeditions in Computing (Expeditions) program to provide the CISE research and education community with the opportunity to pursue ambitious, fundamental research agendas that promise to define the future of computing and information. In planning Expeditions, investigators are encouraged to come together within or across departments or institutions to combine their creative talents in the identification of compelling, transformative research agendas that promise disruptive innovations in computing and information for many years to come.

Funded at levels up to $2,000,000 per year for five years, Expeditions represent some of the largest single investments currently made by the directorate. Together with the Science and Technology Centers CISE supports, Expeditions form the centerpiece of the directorate’s award portfolio. With awards funded at levels that promote the formation of research teams, CISE recognizes that concurrent research advances in multiple fields or subfields are often necessary to stimulate deep and enduring outcomes.

CISE anticipates hosting an Expeditions competition annually, making three awards in each competition that over five years will result in steady-state support for 15 projects. The awards made in this program will complement projects supported by other CISE programs, which target particular computing or information disciplines or fields.

Preliminary proposal deadline is September 10. Full proposal is due February 10.


Sustainable Community Innovation Grants
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

The Sustainable Community Innovation Grants program is seeking to invest in projects that embrace and invest in local strategies that are intended to link sound farm and nonfarm economic development with agricultural and natural resource management. Applications are encouraged that seek to increase knowledge, build capacity, and make connections among on- and off-farm sustainable agriculture activities, economic and community development efforts, value-added activities, civic engagement, and local government policy.

They are interested in proposals that focus on entrepreneurship efforts and on value-added activities that build on the agricultural and nonagricultural assets of communities. These include efforts to establish entrepreneurial-friendly communities that help support and sustain value-added entrepreneurship endeavors.

The following are a sampling of the type of projects that would be deemed appropriate as Sustainable Community Innovation Grant efforts:

- Activities that promote long-term community/economic development plans that are designed to bring about benefits to all segments of the local population and that promote and protect, in a sustainable manner, the human and natural resources of a community

- Civic engagement activities that strengthen the involvement of diverse groups of local individuals, institutions, and organizations in developing and implementing a strategic plan that recognizes the economic, environmental, and social interdependence between farming and communities

- Local leadership activities that strengthen the capacity of a broad-based group of local citizens to understand and promote sustainable agricultural/community approaches

- Initiatives that bring local governments and community organizations together in pursuit of regional planning activities to address sustainable agriculture and community development

- Proposals that facilitate the development of entrepreneurs engaged in value-added agricultural activities, that support mutual benefit to agriculture and the broader economy, or that help establish community-friendly entrepreneurial programs/policies that nurture the creation and growth of such entrepreneurial enterprises, are strongly encouraged. This includes efforts that build on the agricultural and/or nonagricultural assets of communities that result in clear benefits to both the agricultural sector and to the local community. As always, such entrepreneurial initiatives should demonstrate how they subscribe to sustainable agriculture/community development principles.

Deadline is October 5.

http://www.southernsare.uga.edu/callpage.htm