If you would like information about an announcement, please contact Deborah Hamilton (8-2952).

research.cba.ua.edu has links to searchable data bases and the UA internal coordination sheet. Proposals must be coordinated through the College before submission and those submitted jointly with another UA college as the lead still require C&BA prior approval.

Proposals in Management Accounting

The Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) is committed to funding and publishing relevant, practitioner-oriented research that will support its membership and the worldwide management accounting profession as a whole. The IMA Foundation for Applied Research invests in research initiatives that promote leadership, create new knowledge, and offer innovative ideas for the management accounting profession.

During the July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007, funding cycle, the grant submission process is open, and grants are accepted all year.

http://www.imanet.org/research_foundaiion.asp

NSF Economics

The Economics Program of the National Science Foundation supports research designed to improve the understanding of the processes and institutions of the U.S. economy and of the world system of which it is a part. The program strengthens both empirical and theoretical economic analysis as well as the methods for rigorous research on economic behavior. Topics of current interest are computational economics, the transformation of command economies, human resource-related issues (poverty, labor productivity, the family, gender and racial discrimination, etc.), and global environmental change.

The program also funds conferences and interdisciplinary research that strengthens links among economics and the other social and behavioral sciences, as well as mathematics and statistics. The program supports research in almost every subfield of economics, including econometrics, economic history, finance, industrial organization, international economics, labor economics, public finance, macroeconomics, and mathematical economics.


http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5437&org=SES&from=home

IBM Center for the Business of Government

The IBM Center for the Business of Government provides grants to stimulate research and improve the effectiveness of government at the federal, state, local, and international levels. There are two funding cycles, with deadlines of November 1, 2006 and March 1, 2007. The size of grants will be $20,000 for each research paper.

Individuals receiving research stipends will be responsible for producing a 30- to 40-page research report in one of the research areas in crosscutting management issues:

Collaboration, transformation, and leadership—includes the enhancing of public sector performance, service delivery improvement, profiles of outstanding government public sector leaders, collaboration between organizations, change management, and managerial flexibility. The IBM Center is also interested in models for effective integration of organizations, processes, and techniques.

Competition, choice, and incentives—includes contracting out, competitive sourcing, outsourcing, shared services, privatization, pubic-private partnerships, government franchising, and contract management.

e-government—includes government to business, government to citizen, government to employees, capital investment strategies, customer relationship management, enterprise architecture, supply chain management, and e-government on demand.
Financial management—including asset management, auditing, cost accounting, erroneous payment, financial and resource analysis, internal controls, risk management and modeling, systems modernization, and financial management on demand.

Human capital management—including the alignment of human capital with organizational objectives; workforce planning and deployment, the recruitment, retraining, and retention of talent; pay for performance; leadership and knowledge management; e-learning; workforce development; workforce protection; and human capital on demand.

Managing for performance and results—including strategic planning, performance measurement and evaluation, balanced scorecards and performance reporting, performance budgeting, and program delivery.

Special topics of interest:

Innovation: The IBM Center is interested in examining how to bring innovation to the operations and management of the public sector. Specifically,

a. Business model innovation—innovation in the structure and/or financial model of programs, service delivery or support operations, such as the creation of the Department of Defense Business Transformation Agency.

b. Operational innovation—innovation that improves the effectiveness and efficiency of core processes and functions, such as the application of Six Sigma; and

c. Product and service innovation—innovation applied to programs or services or citizen-facing activities, such as the introduction of e-filing by the IRS.

Managing change: Organizations at all levels are increasingly operating in a volatile environment and strive for stability, whether that is good or bad for an organization. How can organizational tolerance for change be assessed and influenced? How much change is too much for an organization to effectively bear? Can “organizational anxiety” be reduced?

Networks—organizing for routine and nonroutine problems: Traditional public institutions are organized in hierarchies. This has worked well in delivering routine services in stable environments. However, agencies increasingly face difficult, nonroutine problems that demand networked solutions. Some public problems rely on distributed organizations—for example, homeland security, law enforcement, and public health. These increasingly important challenges require managers to weave strong hierarchies into effective networks. The complexity of this task presents difficulty management challenges. The IBM Center is interested in governance models for these networks that allow public sector organizations to effectively meet new and unforeseen challenges.

Shared services—beyond the back office: The IBM Center is interested in organizations that have implemented enterprise-wide shared services that provide the basis for significant enterprise integration and transparency. What are the leading best practices and critical lessons learned in this area?


Marketing Science Institute

The Marketing Science Institute (MSI) funds high-quality research that deals with topics of importance to member companies. MSI supports research with the potential for application by managers as well as more basic or exploratory work. No one approach or methodology is favored over another as long as the form is appropriate to the objectives of the research. Studies may be conceptual or empirical and may involve combinations of literature reviews, comparative studies, field or laboratory experiments, model building, and theory development. The institute encourages work dealing with global issues and cross-disciplinary work building on theories, research results, and methods from disciplines of relevance to marketing.

Most MSI grants are made to cover researchers’ out-of-pocket costs for travel, data collection, respondent fees, computer time, research assistants, and similar expenses. Generally, these grants are in the $5,000 to $20,000 range. MSI does not provide salary replacement for the principal researchers, funds for the purchase of equipment or software, or university overhead.

Because MSI operates on a monthly review cycle, proposals may be submitted at any time.

http://www.msi.org/msi/research_support.cfm