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

Please visit our web site research.cba.ua.edu. This site has links to searchable databases such as SPIN and IRIS and to select funding agencies. There is also a link for C&BA research reports.

**Effectiveness of Government**

The PricewaterhouseCoopers Endowment for the Business of Government awards grants to examine new approaches to improving the effectiveness of government at all levels. Proposals are accepted for both research and Thought Leadership Forums on one of the following topics:

1) E-Government—examines the implementation of e-government in the following areas: government to business; government to citizen; government to employees; and government to government.

2) Financial Management—examines specific financial management issues, such as cost accounting and management, financial and resource analysis, financial risk management and modeling, internal controls, operational and systems risk management, financial auditing, contract management, reconciliation, and overpayment recovery.

3) Human Capital—research on human capital issues related to public service.

4) Managing for Results—how organizations align their processes around their strategic goals.

5) New Ways to Manage—examination of instances of new ways to deliver public programs and services to the public, including contracting out, competition, outsourcing, privatization, and public-private partnerships.

6) Transforming Organizations—examines how specific public sector organizations have been transformed with new values, changed cultures, and enhanced performance.

Research grants are for $15,000. Grantees produce a 30 to 40-page research report on one of the topics listed.

Organizations receiving grants for Thought Leadership Forums are responsible for designing, implementing, and hosting a two- to three-day forum bringing together 25-30 participants for an executive conference. Forum grants are for $25,000.

Deadlines are February 28 and June 28.

**Innovation and Organizational Change**

The National Science Foundation’s Innovation and Organizational Change program seeks to improve the performance of industrial, educational, service, health care, governmental and other organizations and institutions through research on theories, concepts and methodologies of innovation and organization change. Research is supported in several areas including:

Innovation—Identification and implementation of new methods and technologies for development of new products and services.

Organizational Change—Identification and implementation of new methods and technologies for strategies, systemic, structural and cultural change.

Performance Improvement—Process redesign, reengineering, quality improvement and development of performance measures.

Organizational Learning—Experimentation, evaluation, institutionalization and dissemination.

These topics may be studied in application to one or more of the following settings: business organizations, educational institutions, service organizations, health care organizations, and/or governmental organizations.

NSF expects to make 10 to 15 new awards at about $75,000 per year for one to three years. Deadline is February 1.
Research in Broadcasting

The National Association of Broadcasters offers Grants for Research in Broadcasting. Grants are to stimulate interest in broadcast research, especially in the areas of economics, business, social or policy issues of importance to the U.S. commercial broadcast industry. Typical issues include: commercial advertising effectiveness or recall studies; impact of new ownership regulations on television and radio industries; changing business models for broadcasters; and provision and effectiveness of local news programs. Deadline is January 28.

Economic Studies in Cancer Prevention

The National Cancer Institute and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality seek proposals for research directed at increasing the knowledge base in the area of economic aspects of cancer prevention, screening and care. Potential topics include:

- The economic burden to the patient, family and society resulting from cancer and cancer treatment.
- Economic factors at the individual, community and health system level that affect access to and outcomes following the use of cancer-related prevention, screening, etc.
- Cost-utility, cost-effectiveness or cost-benefit of specific cancer prevention and screening trials and interventions.

Deadlines are February 1 and August 1.

Sasakawa Fellowships

Sasakawa Fellowships enable faculty to attend the annual National Faculty Development Institute on Incorporating Japanese Studies into the Undergraduate Curriculum. The Institute will be held on San Diego State University campus from June 3-28, 2002. This multi-disciplinary, four-week program is designed for faculty without prior experience in Japanese studies who wish to incorporate information about Japan into the courses they teach. Deadline is December 17.

Early American Economy and Society

The Library Company of Philadelphia seeks applications for research fellowships to promote scholarship in early American economy and society, broadly defined, from its colonial beginnings to roughly the 1850s. Possible subjects include: the history of commerce, finance, technology, manufacturing, agriculture, internal improvements, and political economy. Awards include:

1) four one-month fellowships with stipends of $1,600;
2) one nine-month dissertation fellowship with a stipend of $15,000; and
3) one nine-month advanced research fellowship with a stipend of $35,000. Deadline is March 1.

Health Services Research

NIAAA seeks proposals on the delivery of treatment and prevention services for alcohol-related problems. Research objectives include the effects of the organization, financing and management of health services on the quality, cost, access to and outcomes of care. Topics include:

1) Managed Care—how practices that are used to control cost affect the outcome, quality, access, utilization and cost of care for alcohol-related problems.
2) Cost of Treatment—economic analyses of several kinds are encouraged, including studies of the cost effectiveness of care, the cost offsets of care and the cost benefits of care.
3) Finance—includes studies of financial access to care, studies of the consequences of being uninsured and studies of the effects of insurance parity between alcoholism treatment and other medical treatment.

Deadlines are February 1 and August 1.