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.

**Equipment Leasing and Finance Foundation**

The Equipment Leasing and Finance Foundation encourages research to expand the body of knowledge about equipment lease financing in the U.S. economy. In addition, the Foundation seeks to broaden its constituency by establishing and maintaining mutually beneficial relationships with individuals in the academic community. Honorariums are available to encourage academics in all fields of scholarship to study topics of interest to the foundation and its constituency.

Topics of interest to leasing professionals include, but are not limited to, the following issues: strategic management or planning; accounting; financial reporting; tax; legislative or regulatory developments; contracts and documentation; finance; sales and marketing; electronic commerce; credit and collections; software; economics; portfolio or risk management; operations; and benchmarking or best practices. The subject matter must have practical application to professionals in the leasing and finance business.

Proposals may be submitted at any time. The deadline dates for submissions are January 15, May 15, and September 1. The average size of grant is $10,000 to $15,000.

http://www.leasefoundation.org/grant/about.htm

**Wildman Medal Award**

**American Accounting Association**

The Deloitte Wildman Award Committee is currently accepting nominations for the 2006-2007 Wildman Award, which will be given at the American Accounting Association (AAA) Annual Meeting to the author or authors of the article, book, monograph, or other work published during the five calendar years preceding the year of the award (2007), which is judged to have made or to be likely to make, the most significant contribution to the advancement of the practice of accounting (including audit, tax, and management services).

The award consists of a financial award of $5,000 and a medal. In the event of multiple award winners, each recipient would receive $2,500 (up to three recipients; $7,500 maximum per year).

Deadline is December 1, 2006.

http://aaahq.org/awards/award1.htm

**NSF Innovation and Change Program**

The Innovation and Organizational Change (IOC) program supports scientific research directed at advancing understanding of innovation and organizational phenomena. Levels of analysis may include (but are not limited to) individuals, groups and/or institutional arrangements. Research may involve industrial, educational, service, government, not-for-profits, voluntary organizations or interorganizational arrangements.

IOC-funded research must be grounded in theory, relevant to an operational or applied context, and generalizable. It must advance our scientific understanding of innovation and organizations. Proposals that aim to implement or evaluate innovations or particular organizational changes rather than to advance fundamental, generalizable knowledge about innovation and organizations are not appropriate for IOC.

Target deadline is February 2, 2007.

Sloan Foundation
Performance Assessment of Municipal Governments Program

The goal of this program is to encourage the creation and use of measures of municipal government performance that objectively measure outcomes that matter to people. These measures should be available and intelligible, so citizens can have a factual basis from which to judge performance.

The Foundation’s approach emphasizes public involvement to ensure that what is measured and reported is what matters to citizens and that the data are not corrupted by the natural tendency of officeholders and government professionals to report favorable outcomes.

Demonstration projects have been funded that are concerned with the quality of public transportation service, the development of processes to enable community members to assess and react to city government performance, police performance measurement, housing code enforcement, and the development of administrative mechanisms in which citizens are employed in municipal performance assessment. The Foundation is interested in fostering other promising projects related to this topic.

Grants are made by the trustees, who meet four times a year. In addition to grants made by the trustees, officer grants are made at any time throughout the year. Letters of inquiry are the recommended initial step.


Spencer Foundation
Relation Between Education and Social Opportunity

The Spencer Foundation provides funding for investigations that promise to yield new knowledge about education in the United States or abroad. The Foundation funds research grants that range in size from smaller grants that can be completed within a year, to larger, multi-year endeavors.

Education enriches and expands people’s lives in many ways, including through their employment opportunities, their civic and political involvements and the quality of their personal lives. The interests of the Spencer Foundation therefore extend to studies that examine the ways in which differences in educational experiences (including quality and character of schooling as well as number of years in school) translate into differences in employment, earnings, and civic and social outcomes. Such work can help us identify ways to change schooling investments and outcomes in the interests of a more just and prosperous society.

Research grants can range from less than $5,000 to slightly more than $400,000. Proposals exceeding $500,000 in direct costs require particularly close scrutiny and are generally developed in close consultation with Spencer staff. Those aiming to seek a grant of this size are encouraged to arrange a conversation with staff prior to submitting a proposal. Initial proposals are accepted at any time, regardless of the level of funding requested.

http://www.spencer.org/programs/grants/research_grants.htm

Seminal Contributions to Accounting Literature Award

The American Accounting Association (AAA) presents the Seminal Contribution to Accounting Literature Award to recognize works that have stood the test of time and have contributed in a fundamental way to later research. Seminal is defined as “having the character of an originative power, principle or source; containing or contribution to the seed of later development.” Eligible works must have been published at least 15 years prior to the year in which the award is bestowed.

http://aaahq.org/awards/award2.htm