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

**NSF Update**

If you are interested in doing research with the National Science Foundation (NSF), there are two websites you might want to review. The first is a .pdf version of a PowerPoint presentation from the September meeting of the Federal Demonstration Partnership. The first part of the presentation discusses the transformative research agenda being advanced by NSF. Effective October 1, all new RFPs must incorporate revised Intellectual Merit criterion that will include the transformative nature of the research proposed.

http://www.thefdp.org/Present_1_Sept_2007.pdf

The second link is the new NSF Merit Review site which is designed to help the researcher to better understand the process.


**Decision, Risk and Management Sciences**

NSF’s Decision, Risk and Management Sciences program supports scientific research directed at increasing the understanding and effectiveness of decision making by individuals, groups, organizations, and society. Disciplinary and interdisciplinary research, doctoral dissertation research, and workshops are funded in the areas of judgment and decision making; decision analysis and decision aids; risk analysis, perception, and communication; societal and public policy decision making; management science and organizational design. The program also supports small grants for exploratory research of a time-critical or high-risk, potentially transformative nature. Funded research must be relevant to an operational or applied context, grounded in theory, and generalizable.

Full Proposal Target Date: January 18, 2008

http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5423&org=SES&from=home

**Glen McLaughlin Prize for Research in Accounting Ethics**

The John T. Steed School of Accounting at the University of Oklahoma invites scholars to submit their unpublished papers examining the implications of ethics in any area of accounting. The development of the ethical concepts in the paper may be rooted in ethical philosophy, but authors should feel free to draw upon ethical insights from other disciplines such as sociology, psychology, biology, economics, and humanities. The paper is best viewed as an interdisciplinary work, contributing to the understanding of ethical concepts and then applying this understanding to accounting issues in an effective way.

Examples of topics suitable for the prize include (but not limited to):

- corporate disclosure practices;
- financial reporting, valuation, and performance measurement;
- management control systems;
- executive compensation structure and incentive issues;
- assurance services and litigation;
- corporate governance and internal control;
- forecasting and the role of financial analysts; and
- tax reporting and disclosure.

Deadline is January 16, 2008. Award amount is $20,000.

http://fundingopps.cos.com/cgi-bin/getRec?id=103355
**UA Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity**

The University of Alabama Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Committee invites applications from undergraduate students to participate in the 1st Annual Undergraduate Research and Creativities Activities Conference, April 21, 2008.

If you are working with an undergraduate student on research or creative activities, please consider having them enter the conference. Deadline for submissions is March 1.

The College of Commerce will make three awards ($250, $100, and $50) for the best work, whether a poster or a paper. In addition, the College will provide funding for winners to present their work at an appropriate national meeting.

For more information, email dhamilto@cba.ua.edu

**AAA Competitive Manuscript Award**

The American Accounting Association (AAA) Competitive Manuscript Award encourages research among members of the association and associate members who have recently earned their Ph.D. Any subject matter in the field of accounting is proper for inclusion in this contest. Manuscripts must generally conform to the style and length requirements of *The Accounting Review*.

Deadline is January 16, 2008.

http://aaahq.org/awards/award5.htm

**Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) Research Projects**

CIMA is a global body that represents members and supports the wider financial management and business community. Its key activities relate to business strategy, information strategy, and financial strategy. Its focus is to qualify students, to support both members and employers, and to protect the public interest.

CIMA’s global research and development activities include, but are not limited to, sponsoring

- self-nominated (ad hoc) research project funding;
- calls for research projects into specific areas (initiatives);
- directed research (a direct invitation to a specific researcher for a proposal on a given topic);
- and attending conferences, workshops and seminars;
- a program of lectures by visiting professors; and
- the CIMA Professor of Accounting and Financial Management.

The purpose of these activities is to add value to members and more widely to accountants in business, either by producing written output, or providing discussion opportunities for members and researchers. Participants in the research program include volunteer members, technical staff, academics, consultants, and other business partners.

To support and complement the technical development agenda, the research agenda follows major development themes. CIMA encourages research effort into a wide range of topics.

Examples of some of the current themes are
- the impact of climate change on business,
- customer value,
- enterprise governance,
- narrative reporting,
- risk management,
- corporate governance,
- external reporting and board effectiveness,
- transformation of the finance function,
- improving effectiveness in organizations,
- performance management, and
- management insight and analysis to improve decision making.

Applications for sponsorship can be made at any time during the year on an ad hoc basis or in direct response to calls for papers under research initiatives.