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

**National Science Foundation (NSF)**

**Proposal Guide 2009**

Proposers responding to an NSF funding opportunity with a due date on or after January 5th must comply with the guidelines in Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide, NSF 09-1.


**Economics Program**

**National Science Foundation**

The Economics Program 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 (e.g., poverty, labor productivity, the family, gender and racial discrimination), 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.

Deadline is January 18.

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

**Carl Menconi Ethics Case Writing Competition**

**Institute of Management Accountants, Inc. (IMA)**

The objective of the competition is to develop and distribute cases focusing on business ethics with specific application to management accounting and finance issues. The cases must utilize the IMA's Statement of Ethical Professional Practice as a guidance tool or reference. The case should be suitable for either undergraduate or graduate use or IMA chapter continuing educational programs.

Deadline is January 12.

http://fundingopps.cos.com/cgi-bin/getRec?id=103287

**Equipment Leasing and Finance Foundation**

The 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 include the following: 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 by the 15th of each month.

http://www.leasefoundation.org/Work/grants/rfps.htm
Society of Actuaries (SOA)
Request for Proposals: Health Projects

In the interest of providing continuing value to its membership, the Health Section Research Team of the SOA welcomes proposals at any time for projects that result in information, data, or tools useful to practicing health actuaries.

Examples of projects include (but are in no way limited to) the following:

- Development of a spreadsheet or other tool health actuaries can use to perform their jobs
- A literature review on a topic of interest to health actuaries
- An exploration of the use of data mining techniques and sources of data for health actuaries
- A research project involving data collection and analysis
- An investigation of the impact of economic variables on long-term and short-term disability products
- Development and presentation of a modeling technique that provides a creative solution to a common problem faced by health actuaries

Proposals are welcome any time and will be reviewed for funding consideration by the Health Section Research Team at its next meeting after receipt of the proposal.


International Association for the Study of Insurance Economics (Geneva Association)

The Geneva Association was established for the purpose of promoting economic research in the sector of risk and insurance. The consulting service of the association is at the disposal of professors, researchers, and students who seek advice regarding the definition of subjects for study, who wish to discuss their research program, contact specialists, or receive assistance with their bibliographical research.

Every year, the association awards the Ernst Meyer Prize for university research work that makes a significant and original contribution to the study of risk and insurance economics.

Deadline is January 30.

http://www.genevaassociation.org/Home/Prizes_and_Grants.aspx

The Association also offers two grants for research into risk and insurance economics. The deadline for submission of applications is end of November 2008.

Suggested themes and subjects include:

- Uncertainty: Imperfect information in deterministic versus indeterministic models;
- Insurance and risk management in the service economy;
- Insurability and economic fundamentals;
- Insurability: Privatization processes and public intervention;
- The problem of the reinsurer of last resort;
- Credibility theory (in actuarial sciences) and economics of scale;
- Comprehensive theories of risk: Defining, comparing and integrating pure risks, financial and entrepreneurial risks;
- Fiscal policy, solidarity and private insurance;
- Monetary stability and its impact on pure risk management;
- Systemic risks, the liability portfolio of insurance and pure risk management;
- The changing role of capital in the contemporary service economy with respect to financial institutions;
- The economic value of human life.