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

research.cba.ua.edu has links to searchable databases 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.

**Grants.gov**

Grants.gov is the national, online proposal submission gateway. It is the Federal electronic government initiative designed to improve access to government grant services through the Internet. It is a cross-agency initiative that includes all 26 grant making agencies of the Federal government. The goal of Grants.gov is to allow applicants for federal grants to apply through a common website. Although the storefront approach for posting grant opportunities and applications makes Grants.gov expansive enough to include a broad range of programs and applicant communities, it is creating several problems for applicants:

Grants.gov is the broker for grant proposals, not the recipient. Acknowledgment of receipt by Grants.gov does not indicate that the sponsoring agency has accepted a proposal.

The technical aspects of submission via Grants.gov can overwhelm computer resources. Other universities have already experienced problems, particularly around heavy submission deadlines.

Submission through Grants.gov does not reduce agency specific proposal requirements.

In order to manage the challenges presented by Grants.gov, The University of Alabama’s Office for Sponsored Programs (OSP) will be implementing an internal deadline for proposals to be submitted through that system. In order to ensure that a federal proposal is appropriately submitted, received by the sponsoring agency and, after passing that agency’s checks and edits, accepted by the sponsoring agency, proposals should be submitted to the Office for Sponsored Programs no less than 4 days prior to the agency’s submission deadline. Meeting this deadline will assist OSP in working with Grants.gov and the sponsor should a proposal be rejected on a technicality.

UA’s Office for Research is in the process of implementing systems and procedures to effectively administer applications for federal funds through Grants.gov. The Office has purchased and is implementing a proposal and award administration system, GrantsERA, which will mitigate some of the drawbacks of Grants.gov, once Grants.gov allows for system-to-system submission.

Please work closely and as early as possible with OSP in preparing your proposals for submission through Grants.gov.

**Grant Opportunity Email Alerts**

To register for email alerts of federal grant opportunities, go to http://www.grants.gov/applicants/email_subscription.jsp

**NIH Electronic Submission**

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) electronic Research Administration (eRA) provides for the secure receipt, review, and administration of electronic grants. eRA provides full grant life-cycle systems: from initiative management, through receipt, referral to proper reviewers, electronically assisted review, flexible award processing, post award program management and oversight, fiscal administration, reporting, and closeout. For a tutorial on using the system, visit NIH’s eRA Virtual School at http://era.nih.gov/virtualschool/

**Grants for Research in Broadcasting**

The program is intended to fund research on economic, business, social, and policy issues
important to station managers and other decision-makers in the U.S. commercial broadcast industry. Topics listed below typify the kinds of issues that are most frequently raised in discussions among broadcast managers; however, proposals may include any of a variety of other issues.

Evolution of consumer media habits
Impact of new technologies
Local station identification and branding in a digital environment
Consumer adoption of HD radio
Effective uses of television and radio with other media forms
Development of improved media audience metrics
New audience measurement technologies
Importance of television and radio broadcasting to local and national economies
Digital television format options
Provision and effectiveness of local news programming
Impact of nonresponse on media research
Training tomorrow’s broadcasters

The competition is open to all academic personnel. Graduate students and senior undergraduates are invited to submit proposals. There is a total of $25,000 in available funding. NAB typically awards four to six grants. Funds are not to be used for overhead or benefits. Grants are disbursed in two equal installments: one after a contract has been signed, and the second upon receipt of the final report, due one year later.

Proposal deadline is January 31, 2007.
http://www.nab.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Grants&CONTENTID=6664&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm

Kazanjian Economics Foundation

While the Kazanjian Foundation maintains a vital interest in the overall efforts to increase economic literacy, special attention is given to proposals and projects with national impact which address the following issues:

Promoting economic literacy: the Foundation has an abiding interest in elevating the nation’s understanding of the need for economic education. It will support programs that raise various public’s participation in economic education or create a demand for greater economic literacy.

The difficulty of learning economics as well as finding and funding the best ways to teach the subject: the Foundation will review with favor projects that are unique and that present economics in an effective, thoughtful, and understandable way.

Testing the impact of economic education: projects, policy studies, or programs that encourage measurement of economic understanding more often or more effectively are of special interest.

The large number of students at risk of leaving school and never effectively participating in the nation’s economic system: programs that help otherwise disenfranchised youth or adults learn to participate in the economic system are very important to the foundation.

The Foundation is primarily interested in proposals that are national in scope and usually does not support regional or state-wide programs.

Applications are due by February 15, for review in May.

Sarah Scaife Foundation

The Foundation’s grant program is directed primarily toward public policy programs that address major domestic and international issues. Funding is provided for general operating support, research grants, special programs support, internships, fellowships, centers, institutes, and publications.

The Foundation meets in February, May, September, and November to consider grants; however, requests may be submitted at any time for consideration and will be acted upon as expeditiously as possible.
http://www.scaife.com/sarah.html