Research Grant Funding for UA Faculty

The Research Grants Committee, through the Office of the Vice President for Research, is accepting applications for research grant funding for all full-time tenured and tenure-track UA faculty. Applicants may apply for funding in an amount up to $5,000 for grant-in-aid (salary for all or part of summer), assistants, supplies, equipment, books and travel. Proposals submitted for funding that exceeds this amount will not be considered.

Details of procedures, priorities and restrictions used by the Research Grants Committee in awarding research funds are detailed in the RGC Manual. The RGC Manual has been updated; therefore, faculty who are planning to apply for RGC awards should obtain and review a copy of the RGC Manual before submitting a proposal. The RGC Manual may be accessed online at http://osp.ua.edu/rac_grants.html.

The deadline for submission of electronic applications is Jan. 31, 2010; however, since Jan. 31 is a Sunday, applications will be accepted through Feb. 1 at 5 p.m. For further information, contact Lauren Wilson at lawilson@fa.ua.edu.

Boeing Welliver Faculty Fellowship

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The approach of this program is to expose a small number of competitively selected professors from U.S. and international universities to key elements and the business realities of industry by enabling them to “look over the shoulder” of working professionals at several levels of the technical, business, and management career paths. They will leave the program with an understanding of Boeing’s business including its research needs, with an improved understanding of the practical application of technical and business skills and with a network of contacts within Boeing and among their faculty peers that can form the basis of long-term relationships. The objectives of the program are (1) to provide faculty with a better understanding of the practical industry application of engineering, manufacturing, information technology, and business skills; (2) to help faculty enhance the content of undergraduate education in ways that will better prepare tomorrow’s graduates for careers in a global environment; and (3) to have faculty observe the Boeing environments, processes, and procedures with “fresh perspectives.” Faculty will help identify areas for possible improvements and document their observations at Boeing.

Faculty members at the Associate Professor level or above are the target population for this program. Preferred disciplines are business, engineering, supply chain, information technology, and manufacturing (i.e., Global Management, Finance, Supply Chain Management, Organization Development/Effectiveness, Leadership; Information Systems Management). The program provides an opportunity for each faculty member to work with a mentor to “customize” participation in the program and align with personal objectives prior to the eight week program.

Deadline is December 31.


National Science Foundation’s Virtual Organizations as Sociotechnical Systems

A virtual organization is a group of individuals whose members and resources may be dispersed geographically, but who function as a coherent unit through the use of cyberinfrastructure. Virtual organizations are increasingly central to the science and engineering projects funded by the National Science Foundation. Focused investments in sociotechnical analyses of virtual organizations are necessary to harness their full potential and the promise they offer for discovery and learning.
The Virtual Organizations as Sociotechnical Systems (VOSS) program supports fundamental scientific research, particularly advances in social, organizational and design science understanding, directed at advancing the understanding of how to develop virtual organizations and under what conditions virtual organizations can enable and enhance scientific, engineering, and education production and innovation.

Levels of analysis may include individuals, groups, organizations, and institutional arrangements. Disciplinary perspectives may include computer and information sciences, decision and management sciences, economics, engineering, organization theory, organizational behavior, social and industrial psychology, public administration, political science, and sociology. Research methods may span a broad variety of qualitative and quantitative methods, including ethnographies, surveys, simulation studies, experiments, comparative case studies, and network analyses.

VOSS funded research must be grounded in theory and rooted in empirical methods. It must produce broadly applicable and transferable results that augment knowledge and practice of virtual organizations as a modality. VOSS does not support proposals that aim to implement or evaluate individual virtual organizations.

Deadline is January 25.


Steven H. Sandell Grant Program Center for Retirement Research (CRR) at Boston College

The program is funded by the U.S. Social Security Administration to provide opportunities for scholars from all academic disciplines and senior scholars working in a new area to pursue cutting-edge research projects on retirement income and disability insurance issues. The program’s purpose is to promote research by junior scholars and senior scholars entering the field.

Proposals must focus on at least one of the following research areas: (1) Social Security, retirement income, and disability insurance; (2) macroeconomic analyses of Social Security; (3) wealth and retirement income; (4) program interactions; (5) international research; and (6) demographic research. The CRR welcomes applications from all academic disciplines. Grants are not intended to fund dissertation research.

Up to eight grants of $45,000 will be awarded based upon the quality of the applicant’s proposal and his or her proposed budget. Applicants are required to complete the research outlined in the proposal within one year of the award. A select group of grant winners will be required to present their work to the Social Security Administration.

Deadline is January 29.

http://crr.bc.edu/opportunities/steven_h__sandell_grant_program_2.html

National Science Foundation Federal Cyber Service: Scholarship for Service/Training and Education Initiative

The Federal Cyber Service: Scholarship for Service (SFS) program seeks to increase the number of qualified students entering the fields of information assurance and computer security and to increase the capacity of the United States higher education enterprise to continue to produce professionals in these fields to meet the needs of our increasingly technological society. The SFS program is composed of two tracks:

The Scholarship Track provides funding to colleges and universities to award scholarships to students in the information assurance and computer security fields.

The Capacity Building Track provides funds to colleges and universities to improve the quality and increase the production of information assurance and computer security professionals. Professional development of information assurance faculty and development of academic programs can be funded under this track.

Deadline is February 2.