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Is My Project Fundable?

Is my project fundable?

In the current funding environment, it is wise to spend some time answering this question. As the number of individuals seeking external funding increases and as grants become more competitive, the amount of time necessary to complete a strong grant proposal increases significantly. Before you spend the time putting together a competitive funding proposal, you should consider the fundability of your project based on your answers to a couple simple questions:

- **Does my project contribute new information to the overall body of knowledge?** Funders usually support new and/or innovative projects. Whether the project is focused on basic research or improvement of instruction, grant makers generally want to provide awards to institutions and individuals engaged in work that has not previously been funded. They want to see projects with potential for achieving publishable results.
- **Does my project align with funding agency priorities?** Nearly all funding agencies, regardless of whether they are public or private, have a mission statement and/or strategic plan listing their funding priorities for the near future. While you might have a great idea for a project, if you cannot find a funder whose priorities match yours, it may be difficult to obtain funding. Before submitting a proposal to an agency—especially an unsolicited proposal—be sure to learn more about what that agency does (and does not) support.
- **Are the costs associated with my project considered “general operating expenses?”** If so, you may want to think twice about submitting an application. Funders usually expect institutions to cover general operating expenses. These costs include items such as existing salaries and benefits, general office supplies, the cost of routine repair and maintenance, and even certain student costs (like textbooks). There are some notable exceptions to this rule, but generally speaking, funders expect institutions (or their students) to cover these costs themselves.

For more information on this and related funding issues, please contact the Office of Sponsored Projects at (325) 942-2530 or osp@angelo.edu

Proposal Development Resources: AASCU GRC

Did you know that Angelo State University is a member of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities' (AASCU) Grants Resource Center (GRC)? As a member, ASU has access to a variety of resources that can help you in your pursuit of external funds. Here is just a brief overview of some of the items available to all ASU faculty and staff:

- **GrantWeek e-Newsletter:** Sent weekly to your e-mail inbox, the *GrantWeek* e-newsletter typically contains 4-6 brief articles on grants and grant making agencies, with a special emphasis on federal funders and funding opportunities.
- **GrantSearch Database:** The GRC's *GrantSearch* database contains thousands of funding opportunities from both public and private funders. Users may search by subject area, activities, sponsor, and keyword.
- **Proposal Library:** The Proposal Library contains copies of successfully funded proposals to a variety of public and private sponsors, allowing you to get a better idea of what sponsors are looking for in a fundable proposal.

If you would like to subscribe to the GrantWeek newsletter or access any of the other GRC resources, please contact the Office of Sponsored Projects at osp@angelo.edu

Upcoming Funding Opportunities

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)

Infrastructure Development Program in Patient-Centered Outcomes Research (R24)

Submission deadlines: Several; see full announcement for details

Program description: This FOA solicits Resource-Related Research Projects (R24) grant applications from organizations that propose to improve health outcomes by developing and disseminating evidence-based information to patients, clinicians, policy makers, and health care administrators, responding to their expressed needs about which clinical and health system design interventions are most effective for which patients under specific circumstances. Applicant institutions must have *some* existing health services research capacity related to the mission of AHRQ, but cannot be centers of excellence in comparative effectiveness research or possess investigators who currently receive large-scale research support.

For more information visit this Web page: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-12-114.html>

Air Force Office of Scientific Research

Summer Faculty Fellowship Program (SFFP)

Submission deadline: November 30, 2012

Program description: The AF SFFP offers hands-on exposure to Air Force research challenges through 8- to 12-week research residencies at participating Air Force research facilities for full-time science, mathematics, and engineering faculty at U.S. colleges and universities. Faculty members may apply directly to the AF for these fellowships.

For more information visit this Web page: <http://sffp.asee.org/about>

Air Force Research Laboratory

University Small Grants Broad Agency Announcement

Submission deadline: Open

Program description: This is a five-year, open-ended Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) to solicit research proposals for the United States Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) Directed Energy (RD) Directorate. This BAA is a university grant vehicle that can provide small grants of \$100k or less to students/professors in a timely manner for the purpose of engaging U.S./U.S. territories' colleges and universities in directed energy-related basic, applied, and advanced research projects that are of interest to the Department of Defense.

For more information visit this Web page: <http://tinyurl.com/97fba5w>

Environmental Protection Agency

10th Annual P3 Awards: A National Science Design Competition for Sustainability

Submission deadline: December 11, 2012

Program description: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as part of the P3-People, Prosperity and the Planet Award Program, is seeking applications proposing to research, develop, and design solutions to real world challenges involving the overall sustainability of human society. The P3 competition highlights the use of scientific principles in creating innovative projects focused on sustainability. The P3 Award program was developed to foster progress toward sustainability by achieving the mutual goals of economic prosperity, protection of the planet, and improved quality of life for its people-- people, prosperity, and the planet – the three pillars of sustainability. The EPA offers the P3

competition in order to respond to the technical needs of the world while moving towards the goal of sustainability.

For more information visit this Web page: http://epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2013/2013_p3.html

The Huntington

Fellowships at the Huntington

Submission deadlines: Vary according to competition

Program description: The Huntington is an independent research center with holdings in British and American history, literature, art history, and the history of science and medicine. The Huntington will award to scholars over one hundred fellowships for the academic year 2013-2014. These fellowships derive from a variety of funding sources and have different terms. Recipients of all fellowships are expected to be in continuous residence at the Huntington and to participate in and make a contribution to its intellectual life.

For more information visit this Web page: <http://www.huntington.org/huntingtonlibrary.aspx?id=566>

National Council for Eurasian and East European Research (NCEEER)

Title VIII National Research Competition

Submission deadline: February 15, 2013

Program description: This competition provides funds for both collaborative and individual research projects in the humanities and social sciences in or on any country of Eurasia or East-Central Europe. The primary scholar on either a collaborative or individual project must be a US citizen and hold a PhD degree. In addition, applicants must have completed any previous NCEEER grants received before they may apply for a new grant.

For more information visit this Web page: <http://www.nceeer.org/programs/61-title-viii-national-research-competition.html>

Title VIII Short-Term Travel Grants for Research in Central Asia, the Caucasus, and the Balkans

Submission deadlines: December 14, 2012 and April 15, 2013

Program description: National Council for Eurasian and East European Research (NCEEER) invites proposals for its Title VIII Short-term Travel Grant Program for Research on Central Asia, the Caucasus, and the Balkans. This fellowship provides a maximum award of \$3,000 for research on the countries of Central Asia, the Caucasus, and the Balkans. To qualify, applicants must be U.S. citizens with a Ph.D., or U.S. citizens with comparable professional experience.

For more information visit this Web page: <http://www.nceeer.org/programs/64-title-viii-short-term-travel-grants-for-research-in-central-asia-the-caucasus-and-the-balkans.html>

National Endowment for the Humanities

Collaborative Research Grants

Submission deadline: December 6, 2012

Program description: Collaborative Research Grants support interpretive research undertaken by a team of two or more scholars, for full-time or part-time activities for periods of a minimum of one year up to a maximum of three years. Support is available for various combinations of scholars, consultants, and research assistants; project-related travel; field work; applications of information technology; and technical support and services. All grantees are expected to communicate the results of their work to the appropriate scholarly and public audiences.

For more information visit this Web page: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/research/collaborative-research-grants>

Scholarly Editions and Translations Grants

Submission deadline: December 6, 2012

Program description: Scholarly Editions and Translations grants support the preparation of editions and translations of pre-existing texts and documents that are currently inaccessible or available in inadequate editions. These grants support full-time or part-time activities for periods of a minimum of one year up to a maximum of three years. Projects must be undertaken by a team of at least one editor or translator and one other staff member. Grants typically support editions and translations of significant literary, philosophical, and historical materials, but other types of work, such as musical notation, are also eligible. **For more information visit this Web page:** <http://www.neh.gov/grants/research/scholarly-editions-and-translations-grants>

National Geospatial Intelligence Agency

Academic Research Program Broad Agency Announcement

Submission deadlines: White papers: April 30, 2013; Full proposals: September 30, 2013

Program description: NGA welcomes all innovative ideas for path-breaking research that may advance the GEOINT mission. The NGA mission is to provide timely, relevant, and accurate geospatial intelligence (GEOINT) in support of national security objectives. Innovative research ideas in the following areas (and others not listed) are welcome: Access to GEOINT data and services, Computational Geo-Analytics, Predictive intelligence, and Understanding human activities.

For more information visit this Web page: <http://tinyurl.com/d7cej8s>

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Broad Agency Announcement

Submission deadline: September 30, 2013

Program description: The purpose of this notice is to request applications for special projects and programs associated with NOAA's strategic plan and mission goals, as well as to provide the general public with information and guidelines on how NOAA will select proposals and administer discretionary Federal assistance under this Broad Agency Announcement (BAA). The four mission goal areas are: 1) Climate Adaptation and Mitigation, 2) Weather-Ready Nation, 3) Healthy Oceans, and 4) Resilient Coastal Communities and Economies.

For more information visit this Web page: <http://tinyurl.com/9rktlah>

National Science Foundation

Computing Education for the 21st Century (CE21)

Submission deadline: March 13, 2013

Program description: The Computing Education for the 21st Century (CE21) program aims to build a robust computing research community, a computationally competent 21st century workforce, and a computationally empowered citizenry. In this undertaking, there are three interrelated challenges: the significant underproduction of degrees needed for the computing and computing-related workforce, the longstanding underrepresentation of many segments of our population, and the lack of a presence of computing in K-12.

For more information visit this Web page: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=503582

Interdisciplinary Behavioral and Social Science Research (IBSS)

Submission deadline: January 23, 2013

Program description: The Interdisciplinary Behavioral and Social Science Research (IBSS) competition promotes the conduct of interdisciplinary research by teams of investigators in the social and behavioral sciences. Emphasis is placed on support for research that involves researchers from multiple disciplinary

fields, that integrates scientific theoretical approaches and methodologies from multiple disciplinary fields, and that is likely to yield generalizable insights and information that will advance basic knowledge and capabilities across multiple disciplinary fields.

For more information visit this Web page: <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2012/nsf12614/nsf12614.htm>

Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute

Addressing Disparities

Submission deadlines: Several; see full announcement for details

Program description: PCORI seeks comparative outcome studies that evaluate new and alternative interventions to reduce or eliminate disparities in health and health care outcomes, to overcome barriers that may disproportionately affect the outcomes of specific groups of patients, or to identify best practices for sharing results and information about patient-centered research across patient groups. The research must address critical gaps in knowledge. PCORI seeks studies that will provide information of value to patients, their caregivers, and clinicians.

For more information visit this Web page: <http://www.pcori.org/funding-opportunities/funding-announcements/>

Sea Grant Texas

Texas Sea Grant Call for Proposals

Submission deadlines: Pre-proposals - February 2013; Full proposals - June 2013 (tentative)

Program description: Later this year the Texas Sea Grant College Program will solicit preliminary proposals for projects to begin February 1, 2014. Faculty and academic staff from universities and scientists from research institutions throughout Texas will be invited to apply. Projects must align with the focus areas identified in the National Sea Grant College Program's Strategic Plan and have public relevance.

For more information visit this Web page: <http://texas-sea-grant.tamu.edu/WhatWeDo/Proposals2014-2016.html>

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