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## What Might Sequestration Mean to My Grant (or My Grant Application)?

Following the acrimonious battles about raising the federal debt ceiling in 2011, Congress passed the Sequestration Transparency Act (STA) of 2012. This act was designed to “force” Congress into reducing the federal deficit by requiring cuts to virtually all federal programs beginning in January 2013 if Congress does not pass measures to reduce the deficit voluntarily. With the deadline to pass deficit reductions looming, individuals who currently have a federal grant or who plan to apply for one in the near future should know more about the potential impact of sequestration on their funding.

If sequestration were to go into effect in January, most non-defense programs—other than certain exempt programs—would face an 8.2 percent reduction on the current fiscal year’s budget. Most non-exempt

defense programs would face a 9.4 percent reduction. This could translate to cuts ranging from five to fifteen percent on currently funded grants and upcoming grant programs. The precise impact on individual programs cannot be estimated at this time, as the STA does not include program-level detail and individual federal agencies would have to divide the cuts between internal and external programs according to agency needs.

Congress will likely take measures to prevent sequestration following the election, so current grantees and potential applicants do not need to be alarmed at this time; however, all individuals who could be impacted should continue to monitor the news and be prepared to make adjustments in the event that sequestration goes into effect. The Office of Sponsored Projects (OSP) will provide regular updates as more information becomes available. If you have any questions about this topic, please e-mail or call the OSP at [osp@angelo.edu](mailto:osp@angelo.edu) or 942-2530.

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## **NSF Issues a New *Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide***

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has issued a new edition of the *Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide (PAPPG)*, and the rules and regulations contained therein will be effective for all proposals due on or after January 14, 2013. Any investigators interested in submitting proposals to the NSF should familiarize themselves with this document, as it contains the NSF's guidelines for proposal submission and grant management.

Significant changes to the *PAPPG* include the following:

- The merit review criteria, "Intellectual Merit" and "Broader Impacts" must still be addressed in the **Project Summary**; however, proposers do not need to include separate headings for this anymore. Three text boxes will be provided in FastLane, allowing proposers to enter the project overview, the "Intellectual Merit," and the "Broader Impacts" sections separately.
- If the PI/co-PIs have received any NSF support in the previous five years, regardless of whether the support is related to the current proposal, information about the support must be included in the "Results from Prior NSF Support" section of the **Project Narrative**.
- The **Merit Review** criteria section has been expanded to incorporate more detailed information on the general principles guiding the review process, including a discussion of the importance of "meaningful assessment and evaluation" of the project.
- In the **Biographical Sketches** section of the proposal, the "Publications" section has been changed to "Products," and it may now include data sets, software, patents, and copyrights in addition to the traditional publication list. This section is still limited to a maximum of 10 items.

For more information on the revised *PAPPG* or to access it online, please review the NSF's "Dear Colleague" letter at <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2013/nsf13004/nsf13004.jsp>

## Upcoming Funding Opportunities

### American Antiquarian Society

*Short-Term Visiting Academic Research Fellowships*

**Submission deadline:** January 15, 2013

**Program description:** The American Antiquarian Society offers short-term visiting academic research fellowships tenable for one to three months each year. Several different short-term fellowships in the fields of history, literature, and culture are available. Potential applicants are encouraged to visit the Website to determine which fellowships are appropriate to their research.

**For more information visit this Web page:** <http://www.americanantiquarian.org/acafellowship.htm>

### American Educational Research Association

*AERA Research Grants Program*

**Submission deadline:** January 23, 2013

**Program description:** AERA invites education-related research proposals using NCES, NSF, and other federal data bases. Research Grants are available for faculty at institutions of higher education, postdoctoral researchers, and other doctoral-level scholars. Applications are encouraged from a variety of disciplines, such as but not limited to, education, sociology, economics, psychology, demography, statistics, and psychometrics.

**For more information visit this Web page:** <http://tinyurl.com/9gluf7j>

### Association for Institutional Research

*Research Grants*

**Submission deadline:** January 10, 2013

**Program description:** With support from the National Science Foundation (NSF), the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), and the National Postsecondary Education Cooperative (NPEC), the Association for Institutional Research (AIR) operates a grant program that supports research on a wide range of issues of critical importance to U.S. higher education. Proposals must meet one of the following criteria to qualify for funding: 1) use data from one or more of the national datasets of NSF or NCES, or 2) Address the NPEC Focus Topic: "The Impact of Data on the College Search and Selection Process."

**For more information visit this Web page:**

<http://www.airweb.org/GrantsAndScholarships/Documents/AIRResearchGrants2013.pdf>

### Council of American Overseas Research Centers

*Multi-Country Research Fellowship*

**Submission deadline:** January 15, 2013

**Program description:** The Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) Multi-Country Fellowship Program supports advanced regional or trans-regional research in the humanities, social sciences, or allied natural sciences for U.S. scholars who have already earned their Ph.D. Preference will be given to candidates examining comparative and/or cross-regional research. Scholars must carry out research in two or more countries outside the United States, at least one of which hosts a participating American overseas research center. Member centers are located in Greece, Indonesia, Italy, Jordan, India, Mexico, Turkey, and several other countries (primarily Asian and North African countries).

**For more information visit this Web page:** <http://caorc.org/programs/multi.htm>

## Environmental Research & Education Foundation

### *Sustainability Research*

**Submission deadlines:** January 5, 2013 and July 15, 2013

**Program description:** Submissions of scientific research proposals related to sustainable solid waste management practices are invited in the following areas: 1) Waste minimization, 2) Recycling, 3) Waste conversion to energy, biofuels, chemicals, or other useful projects, and 4) Strategies to promote diversion from landfills.

**For more information visit this Web page:** <http://erefdn.org/index.php/grants/proposal>

## Health Resources and Services Administration

### *Advanced Nursing Education (ANE) Program*

**Submission deadline:** December 3, 2012 (estimated deadline)

**Program description:** This announcement solicits applications for the Advanced Nursing Education (ANE) program from eligible entities that provide advanced nursing education specialty programs that educate registered nurses to become nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, nurse anesthetists, nurse midwives, nurse educators, nurse administrators, public health nurses and other advanced nurse specialists.

**For more information contact the** [Office of Sponsored Projects](#).

## National Science Foundation

### *Division of Environmental Biology*

**Submission deadline:** Preliminary proposals – January 23, 2013

**Program description:** The Division of Environmental Biology (DEB) supports fundamental research on populations, species, communities, and ecosystems. Scientific emphases range across many evolutionary and ecological patterns and processes at all spatial and temporal scales. Areas of research include biodiversity, phylogenetic systematics, molecular evolution, life history evolution, natural selection, ecology, biogeography, ecosystem structure, function and services, conservation biology, global change, and biogeochemical cycles. Research on organismal origins, functions, relationships, interactions, and evolutionary history may incorporate field, laboratory, or collection-based approaches; observational or manipulative experiments; synthesis activities; as well as theoretical approaches involving analytical, statistical, or computational modeling.

**For more information visit this Web page:** <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2013/nsf13508/nsf13508.htm>

### *Major Research Instrumentation (MRI)*

**Submission deadline:** January 24, 2013

**Program description:** The MRI program assists with the acquisition or development of shared research instrumentation that is, in general, too costly and/or not appropriate for support through other NSF programs. Instruments are expected to be operational for regular research use by the end of the award period. For the purposes of the MRI program, proposals must be for *either* acquisition *or* development of a single instrument or for equipment that, when combined, serves as an integrated research instrument (physical or virtual).

**For more information visit this Web page:** <http://www.nsf.gov/od/oa/programs/mri/>

## Research Corporation for Science Advancement

### *Multi-Investigator Cottrell College Science Awards*

**Submission deadline:** January 15, 2013

**Program description:** The MI-CCSA program is aimed at helping start sustainable, collaborative programs of research by cross-disciplinary teams of faculty from science departments in primarily undergraduate institutions (PUIs). The program is focused on helping early career faculty jumpstart research programs that tackle complex scientific problems. The research project should be one that could not be effectively approached by an individual researcher or a group of researchers within the same discipline or sub-discipline. Rather, it is aimed at projects that, by their complexity and interdisciplinary nature, require a cross-disciplinary team approach to achieve significant progress and sustainability. In addition, the proposed research should help enhance interdisciplinary educational activities at the home institution.

**For more information visit this Web page:** <http://www.rescorp.org/grants-and-awards/cottrell-college-science-awards/multi-investigator>

## **William T. Grant Foundation**

*Investigator Initiated Research Grants*

**Submission deadline:** January 3, 2013

**Program description:** The Foundation supports high-quality research that addresses their current research interests: enhancing the understanding of how youth settings work, how they affect youth development, and how they can be improved; and when, how, and under what conditions research evidence is used in policy and practice that affect youth, and how its use can be improved.

**For more information visit this Web page:** <http://tinyurl.com/y8u89uc>

## **U.S. Department of Agriculture**

*Agriculture and Food Initiative: Foundational Program*

**Submission deadlines:** Vary according to project focus area; earliest letter of intent deadlines are in mid-November, and earliest full proposal deadlines are in January. See full announcement for details.

**Program description:** The Foundational Program RFA focuses on building a foundation of knowledge in fundamental and applied food and agricultural sciences critical for solving current and future societal challenges. Project types supported by AFRI within this area include single-function Research Projects, multi-function Integrated Projects, and Food and Agricultural Science Enhancement (FASE) Grants.

**For more information visit this Web page:**

[http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/pdfs/2013\\_afri\\_foundation.pdf](http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/pdfs/2013_afri_foundation.pdf)

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