

ORSP News

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Provost's Initiative for Excellence in Research and Scholarship - PIERS—May 17 Deadline for Fall 07

The Provost has launched the PIERS program for the Fall '07 semester. To date, there have been nine PIERS participants. As we enter the second year of the program, one participant has just received notice she will be receiving an award from the NIH, four await decisions, one was declined and three participants are still preparing proposals.

The PIERS program aims to stimulate research and scholarly activity on campus, increase faculty mentoring of each other, create peer support groups and enhance opportunities for inter-disciplinary projects, as well as to enlarge our base of external awards. If accepted into the PIERS program you will receive **one three-credit course reassigned** to allow you the time to focus on writing a successful proposal and to take part in the required activities.

Program eligibility and guidelines:

- Only faculty with no current full overhead awards will be considered.
- All full-time faculty in any department who are prepared to write a research or institutional proposal to any sponsor whose policy is to provide full overhead. (The requirement for full overhead grants remains necessary to generate funds so that we may expand the PIERS program even more widely.)
- Chair signature is required prior to submission of your application. Chair approval is required before the request goes forward to the internal review committee. The Chair's signature on the application represents their commitment to honor the reassigned time granted to faculty in this program. The granted reassigned time is to be used during the semester you are a PIERS participant. Reassigned time may not be banked for future use.
- By submitting a PIERS application you acknowledge that you are required to write and submit a proposal to the most appropriate agency for a specific deadline. Applications to rewrite a declined application will also be considered.
- Each selected faculty member will be required to draft a work plan with a timeline, attend proposal writing workshops led
 by the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) and to join and meet regularly with one of the PIERS peer
 groups or faculty mentors that will support the development of your proposal.
- All PIERS participants must identify a Senior Faculty/Mentor who agrees to review a minimum of two drafts. Mentors can be on or off campus.
- PIERS participants are required to make an informal presentation on their progress mid-semester to the Science Research Council. (Participants will be notified of the date.)

Complete applications must include:

New Proposal Application: A one to three page pre-proposal that contains either the primary research to be conducted or a description of the program design, and identify the likely funding agencies and program within those agencies where the proposal may be submitted. You will be expected to have proof of substantive contact with agency program staff and will be asked to provide comments and their feedback. Submit names of 2-3 colleagues and your mentor who have agreed to work with you through to submission.

Proposal Resubmission Application: Submit reviewers' comments and an outline of how comments and deficiencies will be addressed. Submit names of 2-3 colleagues/mentors who have agreed to work with you through to submission.

Please send a hard copy of the completed application to Barbara Naso, Director, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs and an electronic copy to bnaso@brooklyn.cuny.edu no later than May 17.

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National Institutes of Health (NIH) Notable News

New Investigators

NIH has a strong commitment to support new investigators as the major way to expand the pipeline of talent needed to support biomedical research of the future. NIH will maintain a level of New Investigators in 2007 at a comparable level to the average of the most recent five years. This means NIH will support, at a minimum, 1500 First-Time Investigators on competing R01 awards in FY 2007. NIH is taking specific steps to buttress investigators whose R01 applications receive review scores near the Institute or Center nominal payline and who have limited additional support.

• R01 Goes Electronic

While on the topic of R01's, it is important to note that as of February 5, 2007, the R01 submission is electronic. For the February 5 receipt date for new R01 grant applications, the Grants.gov and eRA Commons systems handled the application load easily. However, March applicants did not have the same quick Grants.gov processing times and the easy access to helpdesks experienced by their February counterparts. A thorough lessons-learned review of the March 5 deadline will be conducted by NIH. *This is important to note that when you plan your submission you must build a realistic timetable.* NIH has identified several eRA system enhancements that will address applicant concerns and these are planned for the May eRA software releases.

Graduate Research Technology Initiative (GRTI)

The 2006-07 GRTI at the City University of New York uses State Capital Budget funds in support of Graduate and Undergraduate research and technology equipment. Each campus determines its own projects and the associated distribution of GRTI equipment funds within its allocation. Each year Louise Hainline, Dean of Research and Graduate Studies submits a proposal on behalf of Brooklyn College. Dean Hainline then notifies the faculty who have GRTI funds. Official notification was received that GRTI 10 spending could begin on February 20, 2007. Allocated funds should be used within a 12-month period for existing faculty and within a 24-month period for new faculty. Presently, spending continues for GRTI 8, 9, and 10. Faculty who have GRTI accounts are to contact Dafina Simmonds, ORSP at extension x5622 or via email at dsimmonds@brooklyn.cuny.edu. Dafina will provide you with a complete package of information and guidelines for GRTI Round 10. The documents should all be reviewed carefully as changes have been made which will affect how items can be requested. In particular procurement thresholds have been increased, the sole source designation guidelines have undergone some significant modification and extended warranties and maintenance agreements may not be funded by the GRTI. The guidelines should be followed carefully, and all information provided, in the format given.



Fulbright Scholar Program

The Fulbright Scholar Program is offering lecturing and research awards in approximately 150 countries for the 2008-2009 academic year. There are awards in 45 different fields or disciplines, and a variety of sub-disciplines, and interdisciplinary fields. Traditional Fulbright Scholar awards are available from two months to an academic year or longer. A short-term grants program—the Fulbright Senior Specialists Program—offers two— to six-week grants in a variety of disciplines and fields. While foreign language skills are needed in some countries, most Fulbright Scholar lecturing assignments are in English. Some 80 percent of the awards include a lecturing component.

Application deadlines for 2008-2009 awards are:

- August 1, 2007 for Fulbright traditional lecturing and research grants worldwide
- November 1, 2007 for the summer German Studies Seminar and for spring/summer seminars in Korea and Japan for academic and international education administrators
- Rolling deadline for the Fulbright Senior Specialists Program

Get more information, register and apply online at www.cies.org. For more information about the Fulbright Scholar Program's traditional grants and other opportunities, visit the Web site, email apprequest@cies.iie.org or call 202-686-7877.



Selected Grants Awarded (February-April)

Bankoff/ Rosenberger	NEH	\$29,850.00
Chamberlain/Powell/ Rosenberger	CUNY	\$38,667.00
Forest, Charlene	NIH	\$235,500.00
Magliozzo, Richard	NIH	\$326,412.00
Muth, Theodore	NSF	\$193,899.00
Ovalle, Rafael	NIH	\$76,500.00
Polle, Juergen	Solazyme	\$59,762.00
Raphan, Theodore	NIH	\$259,994.00
Rosenson, Frances	NYS DoL	\$20,000.00
Sclafani, Anthony	NIH	\$304,894.00

Selected Proposals Submitted (February-April)

Bar-Noy/ Kopec/ Exkhardt/Queneau	CUNY	\$29,980.00	
Brauner, Elizabeth	NSF	\$745,717.00	
Contel, Maria	PRF	\$50,000.00	
DeBey, Mary	US DoEd	\$3,249,792.00	
Greenberg, James	NIH	\$437,447.00	
Greer, Alexander	NIH	\$431,750.00	
Hainline, Louise	NIH	\$227,368.00	
Lesser, Peter	NSF Research Experiences for Undergraduates	\$5,220.00	
Lipke, Peter	CUNY	\$30,000.00	
Oppenheimer, Gerald	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	\$225,573.00	
Parmar/Tomkiewicz	Creative Capital Foundation	\$10,000.00	
Parsons, Simon	NSF Research Experiences for Undergraduates	\$12,500.00	
Polle, Juergen	Morgan Stein	\$1,630,260.00	
Rabin, Laura	NIH	\$392,500.00	
Raphan, Theodore	NIH	\$246,250.00	
Sanchez-Delgado, Roberto	PRF	\$149,988.00	
Sclafani, Anthony	NIH	\$314,000.00	
Troyansky, David	NYC DoEd	\$25,000.00	

Agency Spotlight:

- DARPA: The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) is the central research and development organization for the Department of Defense (DoD). It manages and directs selected basic and applied research and development projects for DoD, and pursues research and technology where risk and payoff are both very high and where success may provide dramatic advances for traditional military roles and missions. For current DARPA solicitations, visit http://www.darpa.mil/baa/.
- **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency** (EPA): In recent years, between 40 and 50 percent of EPA's enacted budgets have provided direct support through grants to State environmental programs. EPA grants to States, non-profits and educational institutions support high-quality research that will improve the scientific basis for decisions on national environmental issues and help EPA achieve its goals. EPA provides research grants and graduate fellowships. The Agency supports environmental education projects that enhance the public's awareness, knowledge, and skills to make informed decisions that affect environmental quality. The Office of Grants and Debarment (OGD) Grants Competition web site provides information on competitive grant opportunities at EPA, including a list of open competitive grant opportunities, and information on closed announcements and completed competitions. http://www.epa.gov/ogd/competition/index.htm
- **National Aeronautics and Space** Administration (NASA): Supporting research in science and technology is an important part of NASA's overall mission. NASA solicits this research through the release of various research announcements in a wide range of science and technology disciplines. NASA uses a peer review process to evaluate and select research proposals submitted in response to these research announcements. Researchers can help NASA achieve national research objectives by submitting research proposals and conducting awarded research. The following site facilitates the search for NASA research opportunities http://nspires.nasaprs.com/external/



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RESEARCH FOUNDATION (RF) UPDATES

- RF Field Services Representative, Clark Lantz is on campus every **Tuesday** from 9 am—5 pm. If you would like to schedule a meeting with Clark please email him at Clark Lantz@rfcuny.org.
- The RF is now offering e-Systems Training sessions.
 Participants will learn how to use RF web-based systems for processing employee appointments and creating/submitting timesheets. Principal Investigators & staff, Timekeepers and Administrative Assistants will benefit from this training. The next session will be held on June 19 from 9:30 am—12:30 pm.
- For newly hired or newly eligible employees of the RF/CUNY, Benefits Orientation sessions are offered at the RF on a monthly basis. Attending this orientation is strongly recommended to fully understand your benefits and RF policies. The next session is scheduled for August 23 from 9:30 am—12 pm.
- To register for either of the above sessions, contact Saeedah Hickman, RF Client Services Rep at 212-417-8630. Training sessions will be held at the RF at 230 West 41st Street, 7th Floor.

Foundation Corner: Lumina Foundation

Lumina Foundation for Education, an Indianapolis-based, private, independent foundation, strives to help people achieve their potential by expanding access and success in education beyond high school. Through grants for research, innovation, communication, and evaluation, as well as policy education and leadership development, Lumina Foundation addresses issues that affect access and educational attainment among all students, particularly underserved student groups, including adult learners. The Foundation bases its mission on the belief that postsecondary education remains one of the most beneficial investments that individuals can make in themselves and that society can make in its people. Lumina Foundation supports the following types of endeavors, working diligently to ensure that all funded projects promote access, attainment and adult learning: Research to expand knowledge and improve practices that affect students' access and success in postsecondary education; Innovative programs, guided by research, that present practical approaches to access and attainment among underserved students and adult learners; and Activities that enhance the impact of Lumina Foundation-funded research and programs, such as leadership development, communication, evaluation and public policy analysis.

For additional information, visit www.luminafoundation.org.

Selected Recent Funding Opportunities sent via Brooklyn College Announcements by Barbara Naso, ORSP Director:

<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Link</u>
June 18	NSF	Nonotechnology Undergrad Education in Engineering	http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2007/nsf07554/nsf07554.htm
June 25	NSF	Chemistry Instrumentation & Facilities	http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2007/nsf07552/nsf07552.htm

*Please be advised that Barbara Naso periodically sends email announcements of upcoming funding opportunities to individuals and departments. If you are interested in pursuing one of these funding opportunities, please notify us; this allows us to plan time to work with you as the proposal takes shape. Please let us know if you would like us to search for specific funding opportunities and receive announcements tailored to your interests.