UPCOMING MATERNITY LEAVE

I am expecting a baby in this month and will be on maternity leave starting March 18. I should be back to work by the first week of June. While I am out, please work with Elizabeth on your proposal preparation and submission – many thanks to Elizabeth for filling in.

Thanks!
Meggy

NSF REVISED MERIT CRITERIA

From Randy Hall:

In January, NSF implemented new criteria for evaluation of proposals. While the new criteria, like the past, emphasize both scientific merits and broader impacts, NSF is clearly becoming more rigorous in the broader impacts component. For instance:

Project Summary will contain the following required separate statements:
- Overview of the Project
- Statement on Intellectual Merit
- Statement on Broader Impacts

Project Description must contain a separate section with a discussion of the Broader Impacts

Proposing organizations must certify that organizational support will be made available as described in the proposal to address the Broader Impacts and Intellectual Merit activities.

Annual and Final Reports must address activities related to the Broader Impacts criterion that are not intrinsic to the research.
Please do make your faculty interested in NSF funding aware of the changes, which can be found here:

http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/merit_review/resources.jsp

TARA (TOTAL ACCESS FOR RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION) UPDATE

From Randy Hall:

- As planned, we now have a system in place for on-line submission of animal research protocols. The system can be accessed from the same page as iStar for human subjects research.
The launch of the Kuali Coeus post-award system has been delayed. I have attached a guide to use, which indicates how the system will operate when it is available, in the near future. Additional notice will be provided prior to the launch. In the meantime, comments and questions are welcome.

The CORES system for billing at core research laboratories (i.e., those that provide services to investigators) will be in use for pilot labs within the next few weeks. We are currently collecting information from a broad set of core laboratories, which will be added to the CORES system prior to summer.

The FiPS financial projection system will be tested over the next few weeks, and will soon be available for "beta test" users.

A set of research activity reporting tools are in final development and will be made available when KC post-award is launched.

**PROPOSAL ACTIVITY**
February was a very busy proposal month. Great work and good luck!

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AWARD ACTIVITY
Congratulations to the faculty who received a new award in February!

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UPCOMING SOLICITATIONS

Foundation Funding Opportunities

For foundation or corporate giving opportunities, contact Megan Goulding at 213.821.8188 or mgouldin@usc.edu.

1. Haynes Foundation Major Research Grants

Deadline: March 21, 2013

Purpose: The Foundation seeks applications and makes grants for research on major economic, social and political problems of the greater Los Angeles area. Preference is given to applied studies which, in addition to adding significantly to knowledge and understanding of issues, are judged to show promise of influencing policies and practices addressing these issues. The research project’s potential for publication and its use by the community are also taken into account. The Foundation is willing to consider requests for support in disseminating the results of the studies it funds. Major research projects concerning the history of Southern California will also be considered.

2. Haynes Foundation Lindley Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships

Deadline: March 12, 2013

Purpose: The Haynes Foundation invites proposals for its 2013-2014 Haynes Lindley Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships. The Fellowships are designed to encourage well-conceived and imaginative research into the economic, social, policy or political issues that impact Los Angeles. Graduate students enrolled at institutions and programs awarding the Ph.D. in the social sciences in the greater Los Angeles area are eligible for the awards. Grants will be made to the institution on behalf of the student for subsequent disbursement and graduate schools will be asked to waive tuition and fees for Fellowship recipients. More than one student may apply from each

3. Charles Stuart Mott Foundation: Expanding Economic Opportunity

Deadline: None
Purpose: To expand opportunity for those in, or at risk of, persistent poverty by promoting policies and programs that increase income and assets, help people connect to the labor market, and enable them to advance into better-quality, higher-paying jobs. The Charles Stuart Mott Foundation is interested in projects that address the following concerns: Income Security - A social safety net that augments families’ efforts to escape poverty; Reducing Barriers to Employment - Innovative strategies that enable low-skill, low-income job seekers to enter the labor market; and Retention and Wage Progression - Workforce development policies and practices that help low-income workers stay in the labor market and increase their earnings over time.


Deadline: Open

Purpose: Changes in Health Care Financing and Organization (HCFO) supports research, policy analysis and evaluation projects that provide policy leaders timely information on health care policy, financing and organization issues. Supported projects include: examining significant issues and interventions related to health care financing and organization and their effects on health care costs, quality and access; and exploring or testing major new ways to finance and organize health care that have the potential to improve access to more affordable and higher quality health services.

For more information: http://pweb1.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=21392

stay in the labor market and increase their earnings over time.


Deadline: March 27, 2013

Purpose: Healthy Eating Research: Building Evidence to Prevent Childhood Obesity is a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF). The program supports research on environmental and policy strategies with strong potential to promote healthy eating among children to prevent childhood obesity, especially among lower-income and racial and ethnic populations at highest risk for obesity. Findings are expected to advance RWJF’s efforts to reverse the childhood obesity epidemic by 2015.

This call for proposals (CFP) is for two types of awards aimed at providing advocates, decision-makers, and policymakers with evidence to reverse the childhood obesity epidemic. The award types are: Round 8 grants and RWJF New Connections grants awarded through the Healthy Eating Research program.

For more information: The two funding opportunities are described in more detail through the following link: http://pweb1.rwjf.org/files/applications/cfp/cfp_HER2013.pdf

6. Rockefeller Foundation – Centennial Innovation Challenge

Deadline: April 1, 2013

Purpose: In celebration of their centennial anniversary, The Rockefeller Foundation is calling on your ingenuity to chart new paths that will transform the lives of billions working in informal economies across the globe. It is often out of necessity that 1.8 billion people find their livelihoods in the informal economy - the business enterprises and jobs that exist partially or outside of government regulation. The Foundation is accepting innovative ideas to transform livelihoods in the informal economy. As many as ten Finalists will be considered for a chance to apply for
a grant of up to US $100,000 and win support in proposal-writing to enable the further development of submitted ideas.

For more information: http://challenge.rockefellerfoundation.org/about

7. William T. Grant Foundation Social Settings Grant

Deadline: LOI due April 16, 2013

Purpose: The William T. Grant Foundation is focused on youth ages 8 to 25 in the United States. The Foundation's Social Settings Grant program supports work that increases the understanding of how social 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: http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org/funding_opportunities/research_grants/social-settings

8. William T. Grant Foundation Use of Research Evidence Grants

Deadline: LOI due April 16, 2013

Purpose: The William T. Grant Foundation has a longstanding interest in supporting research that can inform policy and practice that affect youth and we recognize that divides still exist between the research, policy, and practice communities. The Foundation funds studies that explore the acquisition, interpretation, and use of research evidence in policy and practice.

For more information: http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org/funding_opportunities/research_grants/use-of-research-evidence


Deadline: April 30, 2013

Purpose: A new competition offers $100,000 in prizes for creative and provocative digital media pieces that offer new ideas and fresh perspectives to help improve American democracy. The competition – Looking@Democracy – aims to spark a national conversation about why government is important to our lives and how individuals and communities can come together to strengthen American democracy. Examples of welcome submissions would be addressing a critical topic that is absent from the national debate, looking at data and exploring the stories behind them, or highlighting an aspect about democracy taking place on a local level. By making submissions in any digital format welcome, the challenge hopes to engage with independent media makers, investigative reporters, students, graphic designers and artists - anyone with creative ideas to help engage Americans and shift the political discussion in a fresh and engaging way.


10. American Honda Foundation

Deadline: May 1, 2013
Purpose: The American Honda Foundation engages in grant making that reflects the basic tenets, beliefs and philosophies of Honda companies, which are characterized by the following qualities: imaginative, creative, youthful, forward-thinking, scientific, humanistic and innovative. We support youth education with a specific focus on the STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) subjects in addition to the environment.

For more information: http://corporate.honda.com/amERICA/philanthropy.aspx?id=ahf

11. SCAN Foundation

Deadline: LOI due May 1, 2013

Purpose: The SCAN Foundation is an independent, non-profit public charity devoted to transforming health care for seniors in ways that encourage independence and preserve dignity. The Foundation’s support for Promising Programs is focused primarily in California. By supporting programs that show promise for replication, the Foundation contributes to improving the delivery and experience of care for seniors. The Foundation has adopted a rolling application process for its Promising Programs funding priority. Letters of Interest are accepted on an ongoing basis.

For more information: http://www.thescanfoundation.org/promising-programs-0

12. Amgen Foundation: Quality of Care and Access for Patients

Deadline: None

Purpose: The Foundation funds programs dedicated to providing patients, caregivers and health care practitioners with information, education and access. The two areas given priority consideration within quality of care are: Patient Empowerment: Programs that enable patients to become active partners in their health care, make informed decisions and contribute to a wider perspective in the health care system; Health Care Disparities/Health Inequalities: Programs that aim to close gaps and address population-specific differences in the presence of disease, health outcomes, or access to health care – from prevention to survivorship.

For more information: http://www.amgen.com/citizenship/foundation.html

13. Carnegie Corporation of New York

Deadline: None

Purpose: The International Peace and Security Program supports a limited number of core institutions promoting research, dissemination, outreach and partnerships—in cooperation and collaboration with other funders, when possible—and specific, issue oriented projects discussing ways to achieve a more secure, peaceful, and prosperous world. This approach is consistent with the Corporation’s belief in the ability of the nongovernmental sector to inform the public and foreign policy decision makers, and its long-standing interest in working with policy research, academic and “practitioner” institutions.

For more information: http://carnegie.org/programs/international-peace-and-security/

14. Charles Stuart Mott Foundation: Expanding Economic Opportunity

Deadline: None
**Purpose:** To expand opportunity for those in, or at risk of, persistent poverty by promoting policies and programs that increase income and assets, help people connect to the labor market, and enable them to advance into better-quality, higher-paying jobs. The Charles Stuart Mott Foundation is interested in projects that address the following concerns: **Income Security** - A social safety net that augments families’ efforts to escape poverty; **Reducing Barriers to Employment** - Innovative strategies that enable low-skill, low-income job seekers to enter the labor market; and **Retention and Wage Progression** - Workforce development policies and practices that help low-income workers stay in the labor market and increase their earnings over time.

For more information: [http://www.mott.org/FundingInterests/programs/pathwaysoutofpoverty/expandingeconomicopportunity](http://www.mott.org/FundingInterests/programs/pathwaysoutofpoverty/expandingeconomicopportunity)

15. **Ford Foundation – Metropolitan Opportunity**

**Deadline:** None

**Purpose:** The foundation supports efforts that reach beyond individual neighborhoods and cities to connect residents with opportunities in their broader metropolitan economies. The Foundation supports organizations that pursue integrated approaches to housing, land use and environmental planning, public transportation and community infrastructure, and aligned workforce opportunities. Their work promotes smarter public policy and planning, and links regional efforts to build economic growth and competitiveness over the long term with emerging national efforts to coordinate funding streams among cabinet agencies. The goal of these programs is to advance a new vision of smart, regional development that integrates key elements of metropolitan life to build strong and sustainable communities.

For more information, initiatives include: Expanding Access to Quality Housing

Promoting Metropolitan Land-Use Innovation

Connecting People to Opportunity

16. **Ford Foundation – Economic Fairness**

**Deadline:** None

**Purpose:** The Foundation focuses on reforming public systems to help families move out of poverty and build the human capital, financial and productive assets they need for long-term intergenerational economic security. Worldwide, the Foundation works in areas of concentrated poverty—including rural communities and urban neighborhoods—to ensure that residents have access to quality financial products, such as savings, insurance and credit, and business development services that improve the productivity of their livelihoods and access to markets for their goods and services.

For more information, initiatives include: Building Economic Security Over a Lifetime

Improving Access to Financial Services

Expanding Livelihood Opportunities for Poor Households

17. **Ford Foundation – Human Rights**

**Deadline:** None
Purpose: The Foundation focuses on securing equal rights and opportunity for all. The Foundation supports efforts to help vulnerable populations gain access to the social, political and cultural institutions that govern their rights. This work includes: Strengthening organizations and mechanisms that enforce human rights; monitoring the policies and practices of institutions that affect the well-being of individual citizens; supporting legal and advocacy efforts to establish and retain basic civil, economic and social rights; and ensuring civil and criminal justice systems are fair, effective, accessible and nondiscriminatory. The Foundation's work concentrates on the world's most marginalized groups, which are among the poorest and most vulnerable in every society, and which face some of the severest forms of discrimination: Women; racial and ethnic minorities; indigenous peoples; immigrant communities; people living with HIV/AIDS.

For more information, initiatives include: Advancing Racial Justice and Minority Rights

Protecting Immigrant and Migrant Rights

Reforming Civil and Criminal Justice Systems

Strengthening Human Rights Worldwide

Protecting Women's Rights

Reducing HIV/AIDS Discrimination and Exclusion

Advancing LGBT Rights

18. Ford Foundation – Democratic and Accountable Government

Deadline: None

Purpose: The Foundation supports efforts that help people become participants in the decisions that have an impact on their lives. They do this primarily by supporting robust and inclusive civic organizations that bring diverse people together and give them a voice in the democratic process. Their work focuses on strengthening the right of people to assemble and advocate and on promoting greater government transparency and accountability on issues ranging from public spending to the reform of key global institutions that govern the flow of resources. In the United States, they also focus on reforms that protect every individual's right to participation in the political process, including ensuring an accurate census count, fair redistricting and full access to voting.

For more information, initiatives include: Increasing Civic and Political Participation

Promoting Electoral Reform and Democratic Participation

Promoting Transparent, Effective and Accountable Government

Reforming Global Financial Governance

Advancing LGBT Rights

19. Rockefeller Brothers Fund – Democratic Practice

Deadline: None
The Democratic Practice program seeks to strengthen the vitality of democracy in the United States and in global governance. The program’s core ideas—that for democracy to flourish and deliver on its promises its citizens must be engaged, empowered, and assertive, and institutions of governance must be inclusive, transparent, accountable, and responsive—provide a frame for the Fund’s Democratic Practice work in the United States and in global governance. The Fund’s Democratic Practice program has two parts: strengthening democracy in the United States and strengthening democratic practice in global governance. Based on a careful assessment of local needs and priorities, the Fund also pursues one or more of the democratic principles underlying the program in its "pivotal places." Recognizing that there is no single model of effective democratic practice, the Fund emphasizes flexibility and adaptability to different contexts in these pivotal places.

20. Rockefeller Brothers Fund – Sustainable Development

Deadline: None

Purpose: With the recognition that the impact of unchecked climate change threatens all other conservation efforts, the Sustainable Development program focuses its U.S. grantmaking on building a green economy at the federal, state, and local levels. Goal: Advancing Solutions to Climate Change

Strategies:

- Building public and policymaker understanding and support for a range of actions to address the threat of climate change.
- Supporting implementation efforts to build a clean energy economy at the federal, state, and local levels.
- Supporting efforts to reduce reliance on carbon-intensive energy sources.
- Supporting targeted efforts to advance international progress on climate change.

For more information: [http://www.rbf.org/program/sustainable-development](http://www.rbf.org/program/sustainable-development)

21. SCAN Foundation – Policy Solutions

Deadline: None

Purpose: The SCAN Foundation is an independent, non-profit public charity devoted to transforming health care for seniors in ways that encourage independence and preserve dignity. Through their work to advance realistic policy options, the Foundation seeks to understand the array of issues currently being discussed, which solutions are on the cutting edge, and what are the potential impacts of these policies on cost, access, and quality of services and care. The Foundation supports work that can demonstrate improvements in these areas, with an emphasis on those policies that better integrate medical care and supportive services. Finally, the Foundation works to forge consensus on policy reform by bringing together the broad range of stakeholders to tackle the issues at hand and find common ground for improving the policy landscape. This work has the ultimate goal of ensuring that all Americans have access to quality care that enables them to live with dignity, independence, and choice regardless of age or physical limitations.

For more information: [http://www.thescanfoundation.org/promising-programs-0](http://www.thescanfoundation.org/promising-programs-0)

22. Surdna Foundation – Sustainable Environments

Deadline: None
**Purpose:** The Sustainable Environments Program is working to overhaul our country's outdated and crumbling infrastructure with a new approach that will foster healthier, sustainable, and just communities. They believe in the potential of “next generation infrastructure” to improve transit systems, make buildings more energy efficient, better manage our water systems and rebuild regional food systems. Focusing on urban areas and their surrounding suburbs, they seek solutions that connect and improve these infrastructure systems in ways that maximize positive impacts and minimize negative environmental, economic and social consequences. By taking a systems-based approach, the Foundation can deliver better services to more people to the benefit of the environment and economy.

For more information, initiatives include: Sustainable Transportation Networks & Equitable Development Patterns

Energy Efficiency in the Built Environment

Urban Water Management

Regional Food Supply

23. Surdna Foundation – Strong Local Economies

**Deadline:** None

**Purpose:** The goal of the Strong Local Economies Program is to support the development of robust and sustainable economies that include a wide range of businesses and access to quality jobs. They aim to create opportunities for upward economic mobility among communities that have experienced historical economic barriers, including low-income people, communities of color, women, and immigrants. Their work is guided by a strong commitment to social justice and equity.

For more information, initiatives include: Business Development and Acceleration

Equitable Economic Development

Job Quality and Career Pathways

24. Unihealth Foundation – Innovation Fund

**Deadline:** None

**Purpose:** Innovation is a core UniHealth Foundation value. They encourage the development of new ways of delivering and financing healthcare programs and services. The Innovation Fund is designed to provide an opportunity for nonprofit organizations to test creative ideas and promising new practices. Through this fund, UniHealth Foundation will support interventions which address demonstrated need. Proposed projects should include a stringent evaluation plan/impact assessment to support potential replication.

For more information: http://www.unihealthfoundation.org/innovation_fund.html

Federal and University-Sponsored Funding Opportunities

1. NSF 13-543 Smart and Connected Health (SCH)

**Title:** Smart and Connected Health
Description: The purpose of this interagency program solicitation is the development of next generation health and healthcare research through high-risk, high-reward advances in the understanding of and applications in information science, technology, behavior, cognition, sensors, robotics, bioimaging, and engineering. Collaboration between academic, industry, non-profit and other organizations is strongly encouraged to establish better linkages between fundamental science, clinical practice and technology development, deployment and use. This solicitation is aligned with the visions (e.g., PCAST, NRC, IOM) calling for major changes in health and wellbeing as well as healthcare delivery and is aimed at the fundamental research to enable the change. Realizing the promise of disruptive transformation in health and healthcare will require well-coordinated, multi-disciplinary approaches that draw from the social, behavioral, and economic sciences, engineering, medicine, biology, and computer and information sciences.

Application Due Date: May 28, 2013 (Exploratory Proposals); June 3, 2013 (Integrative Proposals)

# of Awards/Funds Available: Two classes of applications will be considered in response to this solicitation:

Exploratory Projects: One or more investigators spanning 1 to 3 years and may receive NIH support up to $170,000 per year in direct costs.

Integrative Projects: Multi-disciplinary teams spanning 1 to 4 years and may receive NIH support from $170,001 and $370,000 direct costs per year.

For both types of projects, scientists from all disciplines are encouraged to participate.

Application submission is through the National Science Foundation. Following a jointly conducted initial peer review of these applications, likely NIH awardees applications will be forwarded for NIH processing.


2. NIH R01

Title: Occupational Safety and Health Research (R01)

Description: The purpose of this grant program is to develop an understanding of the risks and conditions associated with occupational diseases and injuries, to explore methods for reducing risks and for preventing or minimizing exposure to hazardous conditions in the workplace, and to translate significant scientific findings into prevention practices and products that will effectively reduce work-related illnesses and injuries.

Funding number: PAR-13-129

Application Due Date: June 5, 2013

# of Awards/Funds Available: Because the nature and scope of the proposed research will vary from application to application, it is anticipated that the size and duration of each award will also vary.

Awards issued under this FOA are contingent on the availability of funds and submission of a sufficient number of meritorious applications. An applicant may request a budget for direct costs of up to $400,000 per year. Facilities and Administrative (F&A) costs requested by consortium participants are not included in the direct cost limitation. The total project period for an application submitted in response to this funding opportunity may not exceed 4 years.
3. NIH R01

**Title:** Understanding and Promoting Health Literacy (R01)

**Description:** The goal of this program announcement is to encourage methodological, intervention and dissemination research for understanding and promoting health literacy. Health literacy is defined as the degree to which individuals have the capacity to obtain, process, and understand basic health information and services needed to make appropriate health decisions (Ratzan and Parker, 2000).

**Funding Number:** PA-13-130

**Application Due Date:** June 5, 2013

**# of Awards/Funds Available:** The number of awards is contingent upon NIH appropriations, and the submission of a sufficient number of meritorious applications. Application budgets are not limited, but need to reflect the actual needs of the proposed project. The total project period may not exceed 5 years.


4. NIH R03

**Title:** Understanding and Promoting Health Literacy (R03)

**Description:** The goal of this program announcement is to encourage methodological, intervention and dissemination research for understanding and promoting health literacy. Health literacy is defined as the degree to which individuals have the capacity to obtain, process, and understand basic health information and services needed to make appropriate health decisions (Ratzan and Parker, 2000).

**Funding Number:** PA-13-131

**Application Due Date:** March 16, 2013 and July 16, 2013

**# of Awards/Funds Available:** The number of awards is contingent upon NIH appropriations, and the submission of a sufficient number of meritorious applications. Project period is limited to $50,000 per year with a maximum of two years and $100,000. Budget needs to reflect actual needs of the proposed project.


5. NIH R21

**Title:** Understanding and Promoting Health Literacy (R21)

**Description:** The goal of this program announcement is to encourage methodological, intervention and dissemination research for understanding and promoting health literacy. Health literacy is defined as the degree to which individuals have the capacity to obtain, process, and understand basic health information and services needed to make appropriate health decisions (Ratzan and Parker, 2000).

**Funding Number:** PA-13-132
Application Due Date: March 16, 2013 and July 16, 2013

# of Awards/Funds Available: The number of awards is contingent upon NIH appropriations, and the submission of a sufficient number of meritorious applications. The combined budget for direct costs for the two-year project may not exceed $275,000. No more than $200,000 may be requested in any single year. Applicants may request direct costs in $25,000 modules, up to the total direct costs limitations of $275,000 for the combined, two-year project.


6. NIH R01

Title: Time-Sensitive Obesity Policy and Program Evaluation (R01)

Description: This FOA is intended to encourage and support research in which a unique and time sensitive opportunity has arisen to collect baseline data and then prospectively assess effectiveness of an imminent policy or program designed to prevent or reduce obesity in a given population (e.g. designed to reduce energy intake, increase activity, or decrease sedentary behavior).

Funding Number: PAR-12-257

Application Due Date: April 11, 2013, May 10, 2013, June 10, 2013 (and more)

# of Awards/Funds Available: The number of awards is contingent upon NIH appropriations, and the submission of a sufficient number of meritorious applications. Application budgets are not limited, but need to reflect actual needs of the proposed project.


7. NIH R21

Title: Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (R21)

Description: This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages investigators to submit research grant applications that will identify, develop, evaluate and refine effective and efficient methods, systems, infrastructures, and strategies to disseminate and implement research-tested health behavior change interventions, evidence-based prevention, early detection, diagnostic, treatment and management, and quality of life improvement services, and data monitoring and surveillance reporting tools into public health and clinical practice settings that focus on patient outcomes.

Funding number: PAR-13-054

Application Due Date: June 16, 2013

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8. NIH R03

**Title:** Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (R03)

**Description:** This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages investigators to submit research grant applications that will identify, develop, evaluate and refine effective and efficient methods, systems, infrastructures, and strategies to disseminate and implement research-tested health behavior change interventions, evidence-based prevention, early detection, diagnostic, treatment and management, and quality of life improvement services, and data monitoring and surveillance reporting tools into public health and clinical practice settings that focus on patient outcomes.

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**International Funding Opportunities**

1. **Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad – Bilateral Projects**

**Title:** Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (R03)

**Description:** This program provides “short-term study and travel seminars abroad for U.S. educators in the social sciences and humanities for the purpose of improving their understanding and knowledge of the peoples and cultures of other countries.” There are typically seven to ten seminars per year, each with 14-16 participants. Eligibility: Eligible participants include elementary school teachers, middle or high school educators, administrators or curriculum specialists, librarians, museum educators or media or resource specialists in the fields of social sciences, humanities, including languages, as well as faculty or administrators from public or private, two- or four-year institutions of higher education whose discipline is related to social sciences, humanities, languages, and/or area studies.

**CFDA number:** 84.018

**Application Due Date:** Annually, last deadline was December, 2012

**# of Awards/Funds Available:** In FY 2012, $850,000 was available to support three new awards.

**Announcement Link:** [http://www2.ed.gov/programs/iegpssap/index.html](http://www2.ed.gov/programs/iegpssap/index.html)

2. **Fulbright Grants for Graduate Study and Research Abroad**

**Title:** Fulbright Grants for Graduate Study and Research Abroad

**Description:**
Overview: This program is an international educational exchange program designed to increase mutual understanding between Americans and people of other countries. The program provides participants, chosen for their academic merit and leadership potential, with the opportunity to study, teach, and conduct research, exchange ideas, and work on shared international concerns. Fulbright projects span every major discipline, and recipients carry out a wide variety of unique projects and activities while on their grant.

Eligibility: The Fulbright U.S. Student Program offers fellowships for U.S. graduate students to study, conduct research, and/or teach English abroad. The Fulbright Foreign Student Program offers opportunities for foreign graduate students to study, conduct research, and/or teach their native language in the U.S. U.S. applicants (U.S. citizens) apply either through their university or college or at-large to the cooperating agency responsible for the program in which they are interested. Non-U.S. applicants (non-U.S. citizens) apply to either the Fulbright Commission in their country of citizenship or the U.S. Embassy in their country of citizenship (in countries where there is not a Fulbright Commission).

Application Due Date: The application process for the 2014-2015 academic year will open on February 1, 2013.

# of Awards/Funds Available: Awards are dependent on location; applicants should contact relevant program officers for more information.

3. Digging into Data

Title: Digging into Data

Description: The Digging into Data Challenge aims to address "how 'big data' changes the research landscape for the humanities and social sciences." Digging into Data will consider what new computationally based research methods are needed to best utilize the massive amounts of digital data available. The overall aim is to create a new research infrastructure for the 21st century. Eight international funding agencies participated in the last solicitation, representing Canada, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, and the U.S, which support projects by international teams. Eligibility: Eligibility requirements follow those of the national funding agency. For example, for U.S. participants, the lead investigator would receive the grant from NSF, NEH or the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), and would be required to adhere to the relevant agency rules and procedures.

Application Due Date: The next deadline is expected to be mid-2013. Updated guidelines will be published before that time.

# of Awards/Funds Available: Award amount from each national funding agency vary; for US teams, the award amount will range between $25,000 and $125,000, and if two or more U.S. institutions are involved, the maximum award increases to $175,000.


4. Collaborative Research Programs

Title: Collaborative Research Programs

Description: Collaborative Research Grants support “interpretive humanities 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.” In 2012, the U.K. Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) collaborated with NEH to support projects in humanities that focus on humanities and health and well-being. Eligibility: For the U.K.-U.S. awards,
participants from both countries must be involved. More information is available at http://www.neh.gov/files/grants/collaborative-research-dec-6-2012.pdf.

**Application Due Date:** The next submission deadline is December 5, 2013 for projects beginning October 2014.

**# of Awards/Funds Available:** Awards are made for a minimum of one year and up to a maximum of three years, and normally range from $25,000 to $100,000 per year. Awards for conferences are typically made for a minimum of one year and normally range from $15,000 to $65,000 per grant.

**Announcement Link:** [http://www.neh.gov/grants/research/collaborative-research-grants](http://www.neh.gov/grants/research/collaborative-research-grants)

5. **Partnerships for International Research and Education (PIRE)**

**Title:** Partnerships for International Research and Education (PIRE)

**Description:** OISE's flagship and most competitive international program, PIRE seeks to catalyze a higher level of international engagement in the U.S. science and engineering community by supporting innovative, international research and education collaborations. PIRE supports large scale projects on the institution to institution scale. The most recent PIRE solicitation was focused on NSF's Science, Engineering, and Education for Sustainability (SEES) initiative; it is not yet clear if the next solicitation will have a specific topical focus. Eligibility: Only one proposal may be submitted per institution. The latest solicitation included additional funding from foreign funding agencies to PIs in their countries; local eligibility rules apply in those cases.

**Application Due Date:** In the past, PIRE has been funded in two-year cycles, and the next call for proposals is due in the summer of 2013. However, given recent restructuring at OISE, this is not certain.

**# of Awards/Funds Available:** In the latest solicitation, $10-$15 million was available annually to support 10-15 projects. Average funding is around $4-$5 million per award.


6. **Science Across Virtual Institutes (SAVI)**

**Title:** Science Across Virtual Institutes (SAVI)

**Description:** Overview: The SAVI program aims to bring together international teams of researchers both physically and virtually to work collaboratively on problems of mutual interest. NSF will support the U.S. participants as a supplement to an existing grant or as a full proposal to an existing NSF program. Projects aim to "enhance research collaboration; data sharing; networking; and technical exchanges of students, post docs, and junior faculty across borders." The SAVI program is a collection of other NSF funding mechanisms that support international collaboration, and should be used in discussions to "leverage counterpart funding across a common topic of interest." PIs should consider other NSF funding mechanisms when determining the best fit for their research activity. It is recommended that PIs speak with the relevant program officer before submitting a proposal. Information on the existing SAVI awards is available at [http://www.nsf.gov/news/special_reports/savi/awards.jsp](http://www.nsf.gov/news/special_reports/savi/awards.jsp). Eligibility: NSF general eligibility requirements apply to SAVI.

**Application Due Date:** Proposals are accepted at any time.
# of Awards/Funds Available: Awards vary in size from $50,000 to $400,000 per year for up to five years. There is no set budget for SAVI as awards are made through relevant discipline programs.


7. **Research Coordination Networks (RCN)**

**Title:** Research Coordination Networks (RCN)

**Description:** The RCN program uses novel networking strategies to advance a field or create a new direction in research or education. RCNs provide funding to establish new collaborations including those across international boundaries. RCNs support researchers to share information, collaborate on ongoing research, develop new collaborations, and advance research and education through the sharing of ideas and best practices. Eligibility: Standard NSF eligibility criteria apply.

**Application Due Date:** Full proposals are accepted anytime and should be submitted to a participating program (see the specific program website for submission dates).

# of Awards/Funds Available: Funding of $7.5-$17.5 million is available pending availability of funding to support 15-25 awards. This varies across disciplinary research programs and RCN tracks.


8. **Partnerships for Enhanced Engagement in Research (PEER)**

**Title:** Partnerships for Enhanced Engagement in Research (PEER)

**Description:** PEER was established under an NSF/USAID MOU to enable scientists in developing countries to be funded by USAID to work with NSF funded scientists at U.S. institutions. Research areas of interest include: food security, climate change, and other development topics including disaster mitigation, biodiversity, water, and renewable energy. Eligibility: “Proposals in these topical areas of interest may be submitted by applicants based in any of the 87 full PEER Science-eligible countries. Additionally, PEER Science invites proposals from applicants in the following specific countries or working on the following topical areas, for which USAID missions and offices have allocated resources to foster science and development goals: Indonesia, Biodiversity Conservation and Clean Energy in the Philippines, Water for the Middle East and North Africa, Biodiversity Research in the Lower Mekong, Maldives Climate Change Adaptation, and Biodiversity Conservation in Brazil.8” Please note that this program is administered by the National Academies. Proposals are not accepted from U.S. researchers.

**Application Due Date:** PEER is expected to be an annual competition. The most recent deadline was December 4, 2012.

# of Awards/Funds Available: Awards to single institutions range from $30,000 to $60,000 per year for one to three years. A limited number of larger, multi institution projects may receive up to $110,000 per year for up to three years.”

UPCOMING RESEARCH EVENTS

Our Price intranet calendar has a full list of upcoming research seminars. Please see http://www.usc.edu/schools/price/intranet/calendar/index.html

METRANS Student Research Showcase
METRANS Transportation Research Seminar Series
March 13, 2013
12:00pm to 1:30pm
University Park Campus
Ralph and Goldy Lewis Hall (RGL)
Room 219

Lunch with a Leader: Ronald Sims
USC Bedrosian Center on Governance
March 14, 2013
12:00pm to 1:30pm
University Park Campus
Widney Alumni House
Luncheon features former Deputy Secretary of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, Ronald Sims.