

Access Granted

Office of Sponsored Programs & Research

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Towson University Foundation

When submitting a proposal to a potential funder, you want to make sure you put the best foot forward—both for your proposal, and to represent Towson University as the great place it is!

To help in this endeavor, the TU Foundation has put together the following checklist to crafting a winning proposal:

- ✓ Understand the funder's priorities and perspective
- ✓ Talk to the program officer
- ✓ Follow the guidelines
- ✓ Position the "ask" in a broader institutional context
- ✓ Use clear and concise language
- ✓ Highlight institutional contributions
- ✓ Repeat the important stuff
- ✓ Seek out fresh eyes
- ✓ Check your facts and proof your writing
- ✓ Read the guidelines, again!



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Funding Opportunities

Updates & Information

Expanded STEM programs & funding

President Barack Obama recently announced an expansion of funding to train the next generation of America's STEM teachers.

In a press release from May 27, 2014, the White House states that a new \$35 million Department of Education competition will be funded to support President Obama's goal of training 100,000 STEM teachers. In addition, STEM AmeriCorps will be greatly expanded to provide more learning opportunities for 18,000 low-income students this coming summer.

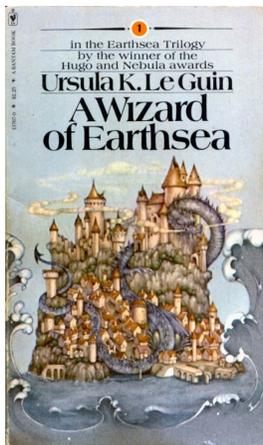
We'll continue to track these funding opportunities as the programs roll out in the next fiscal year.

To view the full press release, [click here](#).



Kudos Corner

Congratulations to Ms. Patty McDonald and Cook Library for their successful proposal to the NEA's Big Read program, awarded more than \$12,000. The program will showcase Ursula K. LeGuin's classic, "The Wizard of Earthsea."



Congratulations to Dr. Bonnie Fuller for her awarded proposal to the Maryland Hospital Association's Who Will Care Fund, titled "Student Success and Retention of Students from Under-represented Groups," worth over \$175,000! The project aims to increase diversity in the working population of Registered Nurses to meet the demands of Maryland's diverse population.



Spotlight Funding

Select one of the links below to view the full announcement!

Sponsor: The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Deadline(s): 07/23/2014

Description: Studies funded through this solicitation will focus on multidisciplinary research that examines the organization, financing, delivery and quality of public health services and the subsequent impact on population health outcomes. Funding can be provided up to \$350,000 for project up to 24 months in duration. (Note: Those interested in pursuing this grant should contact Geannine Callaghan of the Towson University Foundation.)

Click [here](#) to view the RFP!

Sponsor: National Endowment for the Humanities

Deadline(s): 07/17/2014

The Humanities Collections and Reference Resources (HCRR) program supports projects that provide an essential underpinning for scholarship, education, and public programming in the humanities. Funding from this program strengthens efforts to extend the life of library materials and make their intellectual content widely accessible, often through the use of digital technology. Awards are also made to create various reference resources that facilitate use of cultural materials, from works that provide basic information quickly to tools that synthesize and codify knowledge of a subject for in-depth investigation.

Click [here](#) to view the RFP!

Sponsor: Sociological Initiatives Fdn.

Deadline(s): 08/15/2014

Description: Supports research and social-action projects that focus on understanding and finding solutions to a broad array of social problems. Primary goal is to encourage research, including community-based research, that supports and promotes social change. Areas of interest: social policy objectives; institutional and educational practices; legislative and regulatory changes; linguistic issues; and development of community capacity and organization of previously unorganized groups. Awards are from \$10,000-20,000. Deadline is for preliminary concept application.

Click [here](#) to view the RFP!

Specific OSPR Services Include:

- Assist with the proposal budget preparation and development
- Research and disseminate funding opportunities
- Facilitate institutional routing/approvals of proposals
- Submit proposals and other required documents to sponsors
- Assist with electronic proposal development and submission
- Provide institutional certification and/or assurances when required
- Serve as liaison between the University and sponsor to resolve sponsored award related concerns/issues
- Initiate sponsored award account set-up
- Facilitate sponsored award close-out functions
- Host regular events to educate faculty/staff with the administration of sponsored awards
- Ensure compliance with applicable federal, state, local and University policies and regulations



New USED FY14 Programs

Two U.S. Dept. of Education programs have been announced for FY 14 (links go to the Federal Register):

- [Promoting Postbaccalaureate Opportunities for Hispanic Americans \(PPOHA\)](#)
- [Teacher Quality Partnership \(TQP\)](#)

The deadline for PPOHA is June 27th, with awards averaging \$500,000 / year.

The deadline for TQP is July 14th, with awards averaging \$1.5 million / year.

Writing Guides

Need help with writing winning proposals? Check out the resources below!

- [NSF's guide to proposal writing](#)
- [NIH's guide to proposal writing](#)
- [The glossary of NIH terms](#)

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