

# Access Granted

Office of Sponsored Programs & Research

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## National Endowment for the Humanities — Common Good

### What is the NEH's Common Good Initiative?

To coincide with the NEH's 50th anniversary in 2015, the NEH is rolling out a new initiative designed to demonstrate the critical role humanities scholarship can play in our public life through a combination of expanding traditional grant-making programs and the funding of several special initiatives. Specifically, the NEH will add language inviting projects drawing on the resources and methods of the humanities to engage the public in understanding aspects of contemporary national life.

### Programs of the Initiative:

- [Humanities in the Public Square](#)
- [The Public Scholar Program](#)
- [Common Heritage](#)
- [Humanities Open Book Program](#)
- [Standing Together](#)
- [Latino Americans](#)

View the [Common Good homepage](#) for more information about the Common Good Initiative and the new Special Initiative projects.

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# Updates & Information

## NSF Continues Emphasis on STEM Ethics

The National Science Foundation Directorate for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences has announced the FY 16 competition of the Cultivating Cultures for Ethical STEM (CCE STEM) program. Proposals are due February 16, 2016. This session is aimed at helping faculty and staff apply for federal grants as well as foundation grants. Each of the panelists will be available for questions after the formal presentation.

Typically offering a comparison between one institutional setting and another, CCE STEM projects should aim to answer these questions:

- ◆ What constitutes ethical STEM research and practice?
- ◆ Which cultural and institutional contexts promote ethical STEM research and practice and why?

Topics of interest might include honor codes, professional ethics codes and licensing requirements, service learning, ethics in the curriculum, and additional questions such as these:

- ◆ Do certain labs have a culture of academic integrity?
- ◆ What practices contribute to the establishment and maintenance of ethical cultures and how can these practices be transferred, extended to, and integrated into other research and learning settings?

Awards offer up to \$600,000 for five-year awards and up to \$400,000 for three-year awards.

For additional insight, potential applicants are encouraged to review past awards or to contact program director Wenda Bauchspies at [wbauchsp@nsf.gov](mailto:wbauchsp@nsf.gov)

## Kudos Corner

Congratulations to Dr. John LaPolla of the Department of Biological Sciences, whose project received a total of over \$16,000 from the National Geographic Society for his research about the longhorn crazy ant in Zambia!

Congratulations to Dr. Lijun Jin for her successfully funded Fulbright Hayes GPA program from the USDE, which received over \$90,000!

Dr. Jin's project involves efforts to empower American schoolteachers to transform



social studies curriculums in secondary schools by traveling to China for first-hand experiences of their educational systems.

# Spotlight Funding

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

**Sponsor:** Maternal and Child Health

**Deadline(s):** 11/06/2015

**Description:** Supports applied research relating to maternal and child health services including services for children with special health care needs. Research proposals should address critical MCH questions such as public health systems and infrastructure, health disparities, quality of care, and promoting the health of MCH populations. Also supports Secondary Data Analysis Studies (10 awards) and Policy Analysis Program (TBD).

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

**Sponsor:** The Witter Bynner Foundation for Poetry

**Deadline(s):** 12/31/2015

**Description:** Organizations may apply for grant support from \$1,000 to \$10,000 for up to three years for projects in the following areas: individual poets (selected by the Poet Laureate); developing the poetry audience; translation of poetry from languages not currently available to English readers; and the uses of poetry (dramatic, ed, therapeutic, etc.). Annual deadline: 12/31 for required LOIs. Invited full proposals are due 2/15.

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

**Sponsor:** National Science Foundation

**Deadline(s):** 1/17/2016

**Description:** Biological Field Stations and Marine Laboratories (FSMLs) are off-campus facilities for research and education conducted in the natural habitats of terrestrial, freshwater, and marine ecosystems. FSMLs support environmental and basic biological research and education by preserving access to study areas and organisms, by providing facilities and equipment in close proximity to those study areas, and by fostering an atmosphere of mutual scientific interest and collaboration in research and education. To fulfill these roles, FSMLs must offer modern research and educational facilities, equipment, communications and data management systems for a broad array of users. In recognition of the importance of FSMLs in modern biology, NSF invites proposals that address these general goals of FSML improvement.

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



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- Q&A on MyOSPR – what does it do and how can it help me?
- Proposal review and electronic approval processes
- How to find Current and Pending grants
- Time & Effort on grants & contracts – how is it documented in MyOSPR?
- The Grant Award profile – what's in it and how can it help you manage your grant?

[RSVP Here!](#)

### Grant Resources

Interested in looking for new funding opportunities, but don't have the time to trawl through dozens of sources?

Use the Grant Resource Center!

Visit the [Faculty Alerts](#) page to set up an automated alert to your email for new grant notices, or use the [Funding Search Form](#) to have a staff member search for you!

Questions, or comments regarding *Access Granted* can be directed to [OSPR@towson.edu](mailto:OSPR@towson.edu).