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Hello and welcome to the first issue of Access Granted in 2018! This issue focuses heavily on funding sources. In some ways finding a funding opportunity (or opportunities) that suits your research needs is the most difficult and time-consuming step in the grant-seeking process. We publish a list of funding opportunities gathered by our staff in each issue of the newsletter and this one is no exception. In fact, this is the longest section of “Spotlight Funding” to date. We hope you find something good!

The Office of Sponsored Programs and Research supports faculty grant activity at each stage of the process. Our Pre-Award Team guides you through creating and submitting your application, Research Compliance ensures that research projects have the necessary IRB/IACUC approval to proceed, and our Post-Award Team assists award recipients in managing their funds. The OSPR wants to remind our faculty and staff that we are also eager to help with the initial search for an appropriate funding opportunity. Do not hesitate to contact the office at ospr@towson.edu or 410-704-2236 to submit a funding search request to our staff.

Locating sabbatical funding can be particularly challenging. Sabbaticals offer faculty an amazing opportunity to take time to focus on research, but they require extensive advanced planning. Most deadlines for sabbatical funding fall in the summer and early autumn months a year before the intended sabbatical semester or year. If you are thinking about going on sabbatical in 2019, we recommend contacting the OSPR around the end of the spring semester to begin funding research. Check out one professor’s “Sabbatical Diary” in The Chronicle of Higher Education here for further insight.

Finally, the FDRC Award deadline for the FY19 Award Cycle was on February 2nd this year. Congratulations and good luck to all who applied!

--Nancy Dufau, Assistant Vice President of OSPR
Alternatives Research & Development Foundation Research Grants

ARDF’s Annual Open grant program was established to fund research projects that develop alternative methods to advance science and replace or reduce animal use. Expert reviewers evaluate proposals based on scientific merit and feasibility, and the potential to reduce or replace the use of animals in the near future. Proposals are considered in fields of research, testing, or education.

Proposal Due: 05/01/2018

NOAA Coastal Resilience Grants

NOAA intends to award up to $15 million to support coastal resilience grants that benefit coastal ecosystems and communities. Coastal Resilience Grants support efforts to prepare coastal communities and ecosystems to withstand the impacts of extreme weather and climate-related hazards, which in turn makes our nation safer and our economy more secure. FY2018, new project proposals are being solicited for projects that build resilience through habitat restoration.

Proposal Due: 03/07/2018

NSF Expeditions in Computing

Notice supporting efforts to pursue ambitious, fundamental research agendas that promise to define the future of computing and information. Investigators are encouraged to come together within or across departments or institutions to combine their creative talents in the identification of compelling, transformative research agendas that promise disruptive innovations in computer and information science and engineering for many years to come. Projects reaching the end of their term can apply for additional funds matching industry contributions through the “InTrans” track. Deadline refers to required preproposals.

Proposal Due: 04/25/2018

DARPA: Biological Technologies Office

Supports several research topics for the Biological Technologies Office. Recent Solicitations include: Advanced Plant Technologies, to create the foundations for engineering plant varieties able to receive a variety of stimuli and produce measurable signals as output (2/21/18) Biological Technologies that investigate leading edge approaches that enable revolutionary advances in science, technologies, or systems at the intersection of biology with engineering and the physical and computer sciences.

Proposal Due: 04/26/2018

Mathematics Travel Grants for Women Researchers

Travel grants for women mathematics researchers and educators enable women to attend conferences in fields supported by the NSF’s Mathematical Sciences Division. Up to $2,300 is available for domestic travel and $3,500 for foreign travel. Other awards may be offered.

Proposal Due: 05/01/2018

2019 National Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program

The Council seeks to establish sustainable urban and community forests, by encouraging communities of all sizes to manage and protect their natural resources, which, if well managed, improves the public’s health, well-being, economic vitality, and creates resilient ecosystems for present and future generations. Urban and Community Forestry Program Requirements The Council recommends urban and community forestry projects that have national or multi-state application and impact through the U.S. Forest Service’s competitive Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Cost-Share Grant Program.

Proposal Due: 04/30/2018

Information Operations and Information Tech System Research

Notice seeking cooperative agreement applications with the intent of conducting research and development into technologies that can be used for the information warfare operational environment. Funds support projects in nine separate topic areas under the broad umbrella of Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) capabilities. Topic areas include: General C4ISR; Command and Control; Communications; Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance; Unmanned Vehicles; Information Operations/Cyber Operations; Ubiquitous Communications and Computing Environment; Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Research; and Advanced Power and Energy Production and Efficient Use.

Proposal Due: 04/30/2018

Spotlight Funding continued on next page!
Cultivating Cultures for Ethical STEM

Funds research projects that identify (1) factors that are effective in the formation of ethical STEM researchers and (2) approaches to developing those factors in all the fields of science and engineering that NSF supports. CCE STEM solicits proposals for research that explores the following: "What constitutes responsible conduct for research (RCR), and which cultural and institutional contexts promote ethical STEM research and practice and why?"

Proposal Due: 04/17/2018

Environmental Security Technology Certification Program (ESTCP)

Program seeks pre-proposals that support promising, innovative technologies that target DoD environmental and installation energy requirements. Researchers from federal organizations, universities, and private industry can apply for ESTCP funding.

Pre-Proposals Due: 03/08/2018

Horticultural Research Institute Competitive Grants Program

Horticultural Research Institute only funds research that specifically deals with green industry-related issues. HRI-supported projects focus on significant problems, regulatory issues, and emerging opportunities in the nursery, greenhouse, retail, and landscape industry. HRI research focuses on the propagation, production, distribution, marketing, and sale of plant material.

Proposal Due: Between 04/03/2018 and 05/31/2018

Russell Sage Foundation Small Awards in Behavioral Economics

To support high quality research in behavioral economics and to encourage young investigators (Ph.D. students and recent graduates) to enter this developing field. No limitations on the disciplinary background of the PI; and the proposed research may address any topic in behavioral economics. However, projects must contribute to the Foundation’s mission to improve the social and living conditions in the U.S. Appropriate projects will demonstrate explicit use of psychological concepts in the motivation of the research design and the preparation of the results. Experimental projects which do not have substantial behavioral content (such as market experiments testing neoclassical ideas) or substantial economic content (such as psychology experiments with no economic choices or strategic or market implications) will not be funded.

Proposal Due: Rolling Deadline

Environmental Education Grants

EPA is making available up to $3 million in funding for locally-focused environmental education grants under the 2018 EE Local Grant Program. Ten RFPs are being issued nationally, one in each of EPA’s ten Regions, for a total funding of up to $3 million nationwide. EPA anticipates awarding three to four grants in each EPA Region, for no less than $50,000 and no more than $100,000 each, for a total of 30-35 grants nationwide.

Proposal Due: 03/15/2018

IBM Center for the Business of Gov’t Research Report Stipends

The aim of the IBM Center for The Business of Government is to tap into the best minds in academe and the nonprofit sector who can use rigorous public management research and analytic techniques to help public sector executives and managers improve the effectiveness of government. We are looking for very practical findings and actionable recommendations - not just theory or concepts - in order to assist executives and managers to more effectively respond to mission and management challenges.

Proposal Due: 04/02/2018
Ethics and Excellence in Journalism Foundation Grants Program

Supports creative projects and academic research that promote the pursuit of excellence and adherence to high ethical standards in journalism.

LOI Due: 05/15/2018

Luce Fund in American Art (Exhibitions and Publications)

Supports exhibitions and their related publications that result in a tangible product that contributes to the study of any period of American art. Program is object-based and does not include projects that are primarily historical, documentary, or sociological. IHEs with American museums or galleries committed to American art may apply. Applicants must be institutions that originated the project, not necessarily the venue.

LOI Due: 04/01/2018

NEA: Challenge America

Awards of $10,000 support primarily to small and mid-sized organizations for professional arts programming and for projects that emphasize the potential of the arts in community development. Projects must extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations whose access is limited by geography, ethnicity, economics, or disability.

Proposal Due: 04/12/2018

IES Research Networks Focused on Critical Problems of Education Policy and Practice Program

Designed to direct resources and attention to education problems or issues that are a high priority for the Nation, and to create a structure and process for researchers who are working on these issues to share ideas, build new knowledge, and strengthen their research and dissemination capacity. The goal of the CTE Network is to support and expand the causal research base on CTE at the secondary and/or postsecondary level specifically through research on whether and how CTE practices, programs, and policies affect student education outcomes.

Proposal Due: 04/05/2018

Teacher Enrichment Grant Program

Provides support to music teachers, including faculty, for private study or special projects in performance, pedagogy, music theory, composition, etc. Support is also available for individual classes, small projects, workshops, master classes, and seminars for the enhancement of teaching skills. Membership in MTNA is not required. Preference given to those whose primary income source is independent teaching. Most awards range from $250 to $1,000 each.

Proposal Due: 05/01/2018

Art Writers Grant Program

The Creative Capital Warhol Foundation Arts Writers Grant Program supports writers whose work addresses contemporary visual art through project-based grants, ranging from $15,000 to $50,000, issued directly to twenty individual authors a year. The program was founded in recognition of both the financially precarious situation of arts writers and their indispensable contribution to a vital artistic culture. The Arts Writers Grant Program aims to support the broad spectrum of writing on contemporary visual art, from general-audience criticism to academic scholarship. Writers who meet the program’s eligibility requirements are invited to apply in the following categories: articles, blogs, books, new and alternative media, and short-form writing.

Proposal Due: 05/21/2018

Spencer Foundation Small Research Grants Program

The Small Research Grants program is intended to support education research projects with budgets of $50,000 or less. In keeping with the Spencer Foundation’s mission, this program aims to fund academic work that will contribute to the improvement of education, broadly conceived. Historically, the work we have funded through these grants has spanned a range of topics and disciplines, including education, psychology, sociology, economics, history, and anthropology, and they employ a wide range of research methods.

Proposal Due: 05/01/2018
Health Workforce Research Center Cooperative Agreement Program

The overarching purpose of the HWRC Cooperative Agreement Program is to: A. Collect, analyze, and report health workforce program data to the National Center for Health Workforce Analysis and to the public; and B. Provide technical assistance to local and regional entities on the collection, analysis, and reporting of health workforce data.

Proposal Due: 04/12/2018

Health Services Research Demonstration and Dissemination Grants

Supports large Research Demonstration and Dissemination (R18) projects in AHRQ priority areas of interest: comparative effectiveness; health information, technology, patient safety, prevention and care management, and value. Applicants encouraged to contact AHRQ staff members to discuss their topic for relevance.

Proposal Due: 05/25/2018

American Nurses Foundation Nursing Research Grants

Supports scientific research for advancing the practice of nursing, promoting health and preventing disease. Funds support research studies that contribute toward the advancement of nursing science and the enhancement of patient care. In all award categories, the principal investigator must be a licensed registered nurse who has obtained at least one degree, either a baccalaureate degree or higher, in nursing. Beginning and experienced nurse researchers are encouraged to apply. Multiple awards are available.

Proposal Due: 05/01/2018

American Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation Research Grants

Multiple grant opportunities currently open, or opening soon.

Proposal Due: 04/16/2018, 04/30/2018, 05/23/2018

Consortium of Research Fellows Program

Supports fellows working in behavioral and social sciences. Fellows may be university students, post-doctoral researchers, and faculty, at several locations nationwide. Opportunities change frequently, and resumes may be kept on file for future opportunities. Research Fellows and Research Assistants generally work 20 hours per week during the academic year and 40 hours per week during the summer, for a maximum of 1300 hours annually. Candidates who can commit to approximately 1300 hours per year are more likely to be selected.

Proposal Due: 04/01/2018

Project Management Research

Supports research proposals from scholars in project management and other disciplines (e.g. management, organizational psychology, education, sociology). Proposed research should have direct application to some aspect of project management. PMI encourages proposals from multi-disciplinary teams of scholars or teams consisting of academics and practitioners, who can potentially bring new ways of thinking and related bodies of literature to the field. Awards are up to $50,000.

Proposal Due: 04/25/2018

NEH Fellowships

Fellowships support individuals pursuing advanced research that is of value to humanities scholars, general audiences, or both. Recipients usually produce articles, monographs, books, digital materials, archaeological site reports, translations, editions, or other scholarly resources in the humanities.

Proposal Due: 04/11/2018

NEH Mellon Fellowships for Digital Publication

Supports scholars pursuing interpretive research projects that require digital expression and digital publication. Supports projects that incorporate visual, audio, and/or other multimedia materials or flexible reading pathways that could not be included in traditionally published books, as well as an active distribution plan. Stand-alone databases/other projects that lack an interpretive argument are not eligible. Applicants may not apply to both this and the main NEH Fellowships program. Approximately $4,200 per month is available to support six-to-12 month fellowships.

Proposal Due: 04/11/2018

Project Management Research

Supports research proposals from scholars in project management and other disciplines (e.g. management, organizational psychology, education, sociology). Proposed research should have direct application to some aspect of project management. PMI encourages proposals from multi-disciplinary teams of scholars or teams consisting of academics and practitioners, who can potentially bring new ways of thinking and related bodies of literature to the field. Awards are up to $50,000.

Proposal Due: 04/25/2018
American Psychological Foundation Visionary Grants

Up to $20,000 to seed innovation through supporting research, education, and intervention projects and programs. The APF Visionary Grants seek to seed innovation through supporting research, education and intervention projects and programs that use psychology to solve social problems in the following priority areas:
- Applying psychology to at-risk, vulnerable populations (e.g., serious mental illness, returning military, those who are incarcerated or economically disadvantaged)
- Preventing violence
- Understanding the connection between behavior and health (e.g., wellness, diabetes, obesity)
- Understanding and eliminating stigma and prejudice (e.g., race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, age, disability and socioeconomic status)

Preference will be given to pilot projects that, if successful, would be strong candidates for support from major federal and foundation funding agencies, and “demonstration projects” that promise to generalize broadly to similar settings in other geographical areas and/or to other settings.

Proposal Due: 04/01/2018

William T. Grant Foundation Research Grants

We fund research that increases understanding in one of our two focus areas: programs, policies, and practices that reduce inequality in youth outcomes; and strategies to improve the use of research evidence in ways that benefit youth. We seek research that builds stronger theory and empirical evidence in these two areas. We intend for the research we support to inform change. While we do not expect that any one study will create that change, the research should contribute to a body of useful knowledge to improve the lives of young people.

Proposal Due: 05/02/2018

Congressional Research Grants

The competition is open to individuals with a serious interest in studying Congress. Political scientists, historians, biographers, scholars of public administration or American studies, and journalists are among those eligible. Applicants must be U.S. citizens who reside in the United States.

Proposal Due: 04/01/2018

NIJ Research and Evaluation on Violence Against Women: Sexual Violence, Intimate Partner Violence, Stalking, and Teen Dating Violence

NIJ is interested in supporting research on the criminal justice system’s responses to intimate partner violence, teen dating violence, sexual violence, and stalking, generally, and related to violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women.

Proposal Due: 04/12/2018

Post-Ph.D Anthropology Research Grants

Awarded to individuals holding a Ph.D. or equivalent degree to support individual research projects. The program contributes to the Foundation’s overall mission to support basic research in anthropology and to ensure that the discipline continues to be a source of vibrant and significant work that furthers our understanding of humanity’s cultural and biological origins, development, and variation. The Foundation supports research that demonstrates a clear link to anthropological theory and debates, and promises to make a solid contribution to advancing these ideas. There is no preference for any methodology, research location, or subfield. The Foundation particularly welcomes proposals that employ a comparative perspective, can generate innovative approaches or ideas, and/or integrate two or more subfields.

Proposal Due: 05/01/2018

APF/The Trust Eric A. Harris, EdD, JD Grant

The APF/The Trust Eric A. Harris EdD, JD Grant will support an early career psychologist or graduate student for research or projects in the area of ethics and risk management.

Proposal Due: 05/01/2018

***FOR YOUR STUDENTS***

Economic History Association Graduate Fellowships and Grants

The EHA supports research in economic history. Graduate Dissertation Fellowships (annual deadline: 1/15) are open to graduate students who are currently enrolled in a graduate program in a social science discipline or in history. No requirements as to topic area. Expected to fund several awards of $10,000 for a year of support and one Sokoloff Fellowship for $15,000. Applicants must be current members of the association.

Proposal Due: 05/22/2018

Clara Mayo Grants for Research on Sexism, Racism, or Prejudice

Supports master’s theses or pre-dissertation research on aspects of sexism, racism, or prejudice. Preference given to students enrolled in a terminal master’s program. Studies of the application of theory or the design of interventions or treatments to address these problems are welcome. Applicants must be SPSSI members who have matriculated in relevant graduate programs.

Proposal Due: 05/15/2018
OSPR TEAM UPDATES

Smithsonian Opportunities for Research and Study

Graduate, postdoctoral, and senior fellowships support research at the Smithsonian in these areas: anthropology, archaeology, astrophysics and astronomy, earth sciences, ecology, behavioral and environmental sciences, evolutionary and systematic biology, history of science, art history, and social and cultural history of the U.S. The stipend amount and length of fellowships vary. Graduate and undergraduate internships are also available. Fellowship application deadlines vary by program.

Proposal Due: 04/15/2018

Pro-Tip: Read funding opportunities for other colleges too! You may find something that could apply to your research.

INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD

Navigating the IRB application and review process can be challenging—even for experienced researchers! We highly recommend browsing our website to familiarize yourself with the process, policies, and procedures in order to fully understand your role and responsibilities as the principal investigator.

IRB Question? Email irb@towson.edu or call 410-704-2236

The new deadline system for application submissions and reviews announced in December went into effect on January 5, 2018. There are now three types of reviews: accelerated, standard, and full board. Your research will fall under one of these types of review based on the Office of Human Research Protections research category or categories that best apply. Check out this table to understand how the research and review categories relate to one another.

[Next Standard/Full Board Application Deadline: March 5, 2018]

NEW DEADLINES:

- **Accelerated Application:** Accepted on a rolling deadline
- **Standard Application:** Due on the 3rd Friday of every month
- **Full Board Application:** Due on the 3rd Friday of every month

NEW PI MANUAL!
The IRB also released a Principal Investigator (PI) Manual filled with helpful information to guide you through the application process. The informed consent and cover letter templates located at the end of the manual can be particularly helpful, especially for first-time IRB applicants.

Elsa U. Pardee Foundation Cancer Research Grants Program

Supports research that promotes the cure and/or control of cancer. Innovative, small-scale, short-term projects, especially those involving young or new investigators, are encouraged. Funds over $4 million dollars annually in cancer research and care.

Proposal Due: 04/30/2018

NIH: Research on Current Topics in Alzheimer’s Disease and Its Related Dementias

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to invite applications proposing research on current topics in Alzheimer’s disease.

Proposal Due: 04/17/2018

Pro-Tip:
Read funding opportunities for other colleges too! You may find something that could apply to your research.
CITI Training

The OSPR Compliance Staff is currently in the process of reviewing CITI Training course content. The goal is to simplify the training requirements for faculty, staff, and students and to create courses that are tailored to current TU research projects and goals. When these changes go into effect, they will not impact anyone with current CITI certification. We will announce the final changes in our website and in T3 sometime this semester.

PRE-AWARD

Towson University will be using Workspace for almost all Grants.gov submissions from now on, unless otherwise stated in the specific solicitation. The only other times we will not is when the sponsor is NIH. In that case, we will be using their system, which is called ASSIST.

We recommend familiarizing yourself with the system. Below is a link to the Grants.gov Workspace overview page. There is a webinar at the bottom of the page that details each section of the system.


This link has additional Workspace videos, specifically for items like user roles and completing the forms.

https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/applicant-training.html

POST-AWARD

Post Award is Here for You!

OSPR’s Post Award Team is responsible for the fiscal accounting and management of all research grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements. This includes submission of invoices, electronic draw downs, and the required financial reporting to all respective granting agencies.

Please contact us for any questions, comments or concerns you may have regarding your funds!

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