Research Funding Update

Office of Research September 2004

News

Grantsmanship Seminar
The Office of Research is giving a seminar, A Blueprint for a Perfect Proposal, at 4 p.m. on Tuesday September 28 and Wednesday, October 6, 2004. The same presentation will be made on both days. The seminar is open to faculty and Ph. D. candidates and will cover the basic elements of a grant proposal, including budgets, and tips for applying to any funding source from government to industry. Please contact Janet Fitch at jrfitch@uiuc.edu to sign up for the seminar.

Opportunities

Taxation Research Grant Program
Sponsor: American Tax Policy Institute
Deadline: November 1, 2004
The Institute supports research dealing with tax policy that provides objective and non-partisan analysis of specific tax policy issues of current interest. Topics may cover any type of tax in any U.S. jurisdiction, and any aspect of the tax system. More information and downloadable application forms are available at www.americantaxpolicyinstitute.org/.

Organizations and Networks/Decision-Making
Human Performance: Organization & Networks
Human Performance: Multi-Echelon Command Decision Making
Sponsor: Office of Naval Research
Deadlines: none
Multi-Echelon command decision-making addresses theories, models and technologies to enhance the decision-making skills of military commanders and their staffs. Major research themes are cognitive models of individual and distributed decision-making and collaboration; formalisms for the design of decision support systems; model-based experiments an field trials. For further information, go to www.onr.navy.mil/sci_tech/.

Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences/Industry
Grant Opportunities for Academic Liaison with Industry
Sponsor, NSF
Deadlines: none
This program seeks to foster university/industry partnerships by making funds available to support an eclectic mix of industry-university linkages. Special interest is focused on affording the opportunity for: faculty, and students to conduct research and gain experience with production processes in an industrial setting; industrial scientists and engineers to bring industry’s perspective and integrative skills to academe; interdisciplinary university-industry teams to conduct long-term projects. This program targets high-risk/high gain research with a focus on fundamental topics that would not have been undertaken by industry, new approaches to solving generic problems, development of innovative collaborative industry-university educational programs, and direct transfer of new knowledge between academe and industry. Go to the program website, www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/getpub?nsf98142 for more complete information on the program.
Industry
Sloan Industry Studies Fellowships
Sponsor: Alfred P. Sloan Foundation
Deadline: October 15, 2004
This program supports and recognizes talented junior faculty from a variety of academic disciplines who are conducting field-based research on a topic important to a specific industry. Inherently, the research is likely to require observation-based study integrated with appropriate theory and data analysis. Further information is available from www.sloan.org.

Work Research Project Awards
Sponsor: Russell Sage Foundation
Deadlines: none
The Sage Foundation (in cooperation with several other foundations) is sponsoring basic social science research in three program areas: the future of work, concerned with the causes and consequences of the decline in demand for low-skill workers in advanced economies; current U.S. immigration, focused on the adaptation of the second generation to American society; and cultural contact, focusing on understanding and improving relations between racial and ethnic groups in schools, workplaces, and neighborhoods. In addition, the foundation supports a special project on the analysis of the 2000 census: an initiative on the role of trust in shaping social relations; the social dimensions of inequality and their relationship to the recent rise in economic inequality in the U.S.; and the analysis of causes and consequences of the non-inflationary high unemployment growth in the American economy in the 1990s. For further information go to: www.russellsage.org/.

Behavioral Economics
Small Grants Program in Behavioral Economics
Sponsor: Russell Sage Foundation
Deadlines: none
The program supports high-quality research in behavioral economics to encourage young investigators to enter this developing field. Behavioral approaches will be construed broadly to include any research that explores the economic implications of the principles underlying observable human behavior. Applicants must be advanced doctoral students or non-tenured faculty. See the foundation website, www.russellsage.org/.

Business of Government
Research Stipends
Sponsor: IBM Center for the Business of Government
Deadlines: November 1, 2004; March 1, 2005
for 2004-2005 the Center offers research stipends to scholars to produce a 30-40 page research report on one of the following topic areas of government operations: (1) Changing rules: reforming human capital; improving financial management; focusing on organizational reforms; transforming procurement rules and practices. (2) Emphasizing Performance: managing and improving program performance. (3) Delivering services through the Internet; delivering services through non-traditional organizations; improving the internal operations of government; delivering government functions through market-based approaches. (4) Increasing collaboration: using networks and partnerships. For further information on the Center and its programs, go to www.businessofgovernment.org.

Manufacturing and Supply Networks
Intel Sponsored University Research
Sponsor: Intel Corporation
Deadline: None
The current interests and research focus are in the following areas: 1) Supply Network Performance — research leading to improvements in Intel’s ability to design and operate our supply networks to maximize customer and shareholder value. 2) Intelligent Manufacturing — research leading to better manufacturing understanding and performance. 3) Operational Modeling — research leading to high fidelity and accurate computational models of manufacturing and business 4) Knowledge and Learning — research leading to the expansion and the improved use of the core intellectual assets in manufacturing to enhance...
decision-making and improved human performance. For further information, go to http://www.intel.com/research/university/comm/.

**Financial Markets**

Derivatives Research  
Sponsor: The Foundation for Managed Derivatives Research  
Deadline: none  
The Foundation for Managed Derivatives Research offers grants up to $25,000 for programs in areas related to managed derivatives. Derivative instruments may include, but would not be limited to, futures contracts; options; and futures contracts, forward contracts, and swaps. The growth of these markets has created a demand for academic research considering advantages and disadvantages of including managed derivatives in investors’ portfolios. The foundation is particularly interested in funding activities and projects that enrich the body of knowledge in the field of managed futures and that will have far-reaching application or impact on managed futures. Key areas of interest include: 1) The role of hedge funds, funds-of-funds, commodity trading advisors, managed futures funds, commodity pools, managers of portfolios within the overall investment mix: return/risk characteristics; correlation with other asset classes; efficient; etc. 2) The source of returns from managed futures/derivatives: inherent returns; risk premia; business cycle; inflation or other economic factors. 3) Performance persistence for hedge funds or managed futures advisors; criteria for selection of funds or advisors based on past performance. 4) Portfolio issues: fully diversified vs. sector-specific managed derivatives portfolios; multi-manager funds vs. single advisor funds; discretionary vs. systematic trading; the impact of size on performance. To learn more about the program go to http://www.mfainfo.org/.