



Weather emergencies and grant application deadlines

Winter has arrived and with it the increased potential for weather emergencies, so please plan ahead! Don't wait until the final day before a sponsor's deadline to submit your grant proposal. Keep in mind that all proposals must be reviewed and approved by your Department Chair and College Dean, prior to submission to the Office for Research and Sponsored Programs and endorsement by our Provost. Thanks!

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“We the People” initiative National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

NEH was founded on the belief that cultivating the best of the humanities has real and tangible benefits for American civic life. As America moves into the twenty-first century, our nation finds itself engaged in a conflict driven by religion, philosophy, ideology, and views of history - all humanities subjects. Consequently, the NEH believes that it is all the more urgent, today, that we study American institutions, culture, and history. Defending our democracy demands more than successful military campaigns. It requires an understanding of the ideas that have shaped our nation. To help Americans continue to make sense of their history and of the world around them, the NEH is launching an initiative known as “We the People.” Through the We the People initiative, NEH encourages scholars, teachers, filmmakers, curators, and librarians to submit grant applications that explore significant events and themes in our nation's history and culture and that advance knowledge of the principles that define America. Proposals can take the form of: new scholarship; projects to preserve and provide access to documents and artifacts; educational projects for every level, K-16; public programs in libraries, museums, and so on, including exhibitions, film, radio, and Internet-based programs. NEH will accept “We the People” proposals through all its regular grant competitions and regular established deadlines. For a summary of existing NEH grant competitions, visit <http://www.neh.gov/grants/grants.html>. For further information regarding this new “We the People” initiative, visit <http://www.wethepeople.gov/grants/index.html>.

Local History Challenge Grants

NEH Special Initiative for Local History grants help institutions strengthen their ability to sustain long-term humanities programs in local history. Awards are made to historical societies and historic sites, museums, public libraries, and other nonprofit entities including colleges and universities. Through these awards, many are able to transform their humanities capacity and secure permanent support from an endowment

- to build opportunities for research, education, and public programs in local history, especially in communities underserved by humanities activities
- to establish long-term partnerships among educational and cultural organizations in a community; and
- to broaden the base of financial support for long-term programming.

Local history initiative grants are offered only when NEH funds will make a significant improvement in humanities programs, help institutions carry out long-term plans for strengthening their basic resources and activities in the humanities, and enhance financial stability through increased nonfederal support. This is a Challenge Grant competition, meaning that matching funds must be provided through other sources. The most common use of grant funds under this competition is the augmentation or establishment of an endowment. Funds may be invested in an endowment that produces income to support ongoing humanities activities in education, public programming, scholarly research, and preservation. Endowment income can be used to fund, for example, staff positions, lecture or exhibition series, visiting scholars, publishing subventions, consultants, maintenance of facilities, acquisitions, and preservation/conservation programs. Applicants may apply either at the February 3, 2003 or the May 1, 2003 deadline, but not both. For further information regarding Local History Challenge Grants, visit <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/localhistory.html>.

Informal Science Education National Science Foundation

URL: <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2003/nsf03511/nsf03511.htm>

Preliminary Proposal due dates	Full Proposal due dates
March 3, 2003	May 3, 2003
August 15, 2003	November 17, 2003

The purpose of the Informal Science Education (ISE) program is to support projects designed to increase public interest in, understanding of, and engagement with science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). The outcome of all ISE projects is an informed citizenry that has access to the ideas of science and engineering and understands their role in enhancing their quality of life and the health, prosperity, welfare, and security of the nation.

Informal education is the life-long learning process in which every person acquires knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values from daily experiences and resources in his or her environment. Informal learning is self-directed, voluntary, and motivated mainly by intrinsic interests, curiosity, exploration, and social interaction.

All ISE projects have as their primary audience the informal learner -- from young child to senior citizen. Informal learning, in contrast with formal learning, refers to activities that are not primarily for school use or part of an ongoing school curriculum. Informal learning presumes voluntary participation as opposed to the mandatory participation of a credited school activity.

Solicitation for Research on Terrorism National Institute of Justice

URL: <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/sl000596.pdf>

Letter of Intent due date	Full Proposal due date
January 14, 2003	February 14, 2003

The events of September 11 and the bombings of the Alfred P. Murrah Building in Oklahoma City and the United States embassies in Kenya and Tanzania underscore the urgent need for research on terrorism and the effectiveness of efforts by the criminal justice system to respond to the threat of terrorist events. To address this need, the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) engaged in a strategic planning process to evaluate the current state of knowledge on terrorism and counter-terrorism strategies and identify short-term research priorities. This solicitation seeks proposals for research in two priority areas. Research Area One targets research to advance our knowledge and understanding of two global crime phenomena that transcend national borders and threaten United States interests: transnational organized crime and international terrorism. Proposed research should investigate the similarities and differences between transnational organized crime groups and international terrorists and, most importantly, the points of intersection between the two. Research Area Two targets research on the most pressing issues related to terrorism and terrorist events that affect the criminal justice system at the local, State, and Federal levels. These issues include challenges for law enforcement and policymakers in responding to terrorism; links between terrorism and other crimes and the strategies used to control them; public-private and intergovernmental partnerships to respond to terrorist events; and synthesis and dissemination of non-classified information on terrorist groups.

Other Current NIJ Grant Competitions

Research on Sexual Violence Against Women

Proposal due date: February 21, 2003.

NIJ is soliciting proposals for research on sexual violence against women age 12 and older by strangers and non-strangers. Funding available under this solicitation is for research and evaluation only; requests for funds for program support or development will not be considered. NIJ anticipates awarding up to four grants with a funding total of up to \$1,000,000. For further information, visit <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/sl000582.pdf>.

Funding for the Analysis of Existing Data

Proposal due date: February 25, 2003.

NIJ requests proposals to conduct original research using data from the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data. NIJ is particularly interested in secondary analysis to inform criminal justice policy and practice. In this regard, NIJ has identified the following as areas of interest: crime control and prevention, including policing; drugs and crime; justice systems and offender behavior, including corrections; violence and victimization; communications and information technologies; critical incident response; investigative and forensic sciences, including DNA; less-than-lethal technologies; officer protection; education and training technologies; testing and standards; technology assistance to law enforcement and corrections agencies; field testing of promising programs; and international crime control. For further information, visit <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/sl000595.pdf>.

Proposal Development Workshop:

Academic Research Enhancement Awards (AREA), National Institutes of Health

Through its Academic Research Enhancement Awards (AREA) Program, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) makes a special effort to stimulate research in educational institutions that concentrate heavily on baccalaureate training. AREA grants are intended to create a research opportunity for scientists and institutions otherwise unlikely to participate extensively in NIH programs to support the Nation's biomedical and behavioral research effort. It is anticipated that investigators supported under the AREA program will benefit from the opportunity to conduct independent research; that the grantee institution will benefit from a research environment financially strengthened through AREA grants; and that students will benefit from exposure to and participation in research and be encouraged to pursue graduate studies in the biomedical and behavioral sciences.

A practical example of what an NIH AREA Grant can provide

	<u>Year One</u>	<u>Year Two</u>
Principal Investigator's summer salary	\$15,000	\$15,638
Based on an annual salary of \$54,000 and working 2.5 months per summer		
<i>FICA (Required Social Security contribution)</i>	<i>\$1,148</i>	<i>\$1,197</i>
Student Assistant # 1	\$9,280	\$9,674
Academic Yr.: 38 wks, 16 hrs/wk, \$10/hr. Summer: 10 wks, 32 hrs/wk, \$10/hr.		
Student Assistant # 2	\$3,200	\$3,336
Summer only: 10 wks, 32 hrs/wk, \$10/hr.		
Consultant	\$3,300	\$3,450
Six days at \$450 per day, plus an additional \$100 per day for Consultant's travel costs.		
Equipment	\$12,000	-0-
Travel	\$2,400	\$2,400
Includes travel to professional meetings and/or research sites		
Supplies and Other Expenses	\$9,000+	\$9,000+
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<i>Plus formulaic "Facilities and Administrative" support to Hofstra University</i>	<i>\$18,179</i>	<i>\$18,951</i>

The AREA grant program provides investigators with awards of \$100,000 for research-related expenses over project periods of one, two or three years. These grants will also provide the University with valuable Facilities and Administrative (F&A) support on a formula basis. In the grid appearing below, we attempt to demonstrate just how much an AREA grant can provide a faculty member in a very common scenario. Of course, each researcher's financial needs will be different and our office would be pleased to prepare for you a budget that more nearly suits your cost and time expectations.

The AREA competition seems particularly well suited for many of our faculty in the Departments of Psychology, Biology and Chemistry. Three AREA grant deadlines are scheduled each year – in January, May and September.

About This Workshop

On Monday, December 9, at 3:00 pm, the Office for Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) will conduct a short workshop on preparing NIH AREA proposals. At this workshop, participants will be provided with all necessary application materials and information regarding services the ORSP can offer potential AREA applicants. Topics will include budget construction; preparing the requisite resources and impact statement; how one can discover what others in their discipline are doing with AREA support; some tips regarding the NIH's proposal review process; how proposals are sometimes strengthened by the inclusion of an outside consultant; and, in cases involving humans as research subjects, the University's "IRB" project approval process.

The next deadline for submission of AREA proposals is roughly fifty days after our workshop, on January 27, 2002. Following the winter deadline, the next due date for AREA proposals is Monday, May 26, 2003.

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