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Announcement: The North Carolina Community Foundation will unveil an online process for the community grantmaking cycle in mid-February. The move will greatly simplify this far-reaching grants program. Details will be published on the Foundation's website: <http://www.nccommunityfoundation.org/>

THE AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

http://www.aera.net/grantsprogram/res_training/res_grants/RGFly.html

Deadline: March 9, 2011 to be reviewed in April 2011
September 1, 2011 to be reviewed in October 2011

Range of Grants: up to \$20,000 for 1-year projects, or up to \$35,000 for 2-year projects

Background: The American Educational Research Association (AERA) Grants Program is the result of seven successive grants from the National Science Foundation (NSF).

The goals of the program are:

- ♣ to stimulate research on U.S. education issues using data from the large-scale, national and international data sets supported by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), NSF, and other federal agencies, and
- ♣ to increase the number of education researchers using these data sets.

Since its start in 1990, the AERA Grants Program has supported, trained, and encouraged researchers from a variety of disciplines to conduct education policy- and practice-related research using quantitative methods with data from the rich, often longitudinal, data sets sponsored by NSF and NCES.

The AERA Grants Program has been extremely successful and has evolved into an important resource for researchers who conduct field-initiated, quantitative studies on education policy and practice issues.

Opportunity: AERA is pleased to announce the continuation of the AERA Grants Program, which provides small grants and training for researchers who conduct studies of education policy and practice using quantitative methods and including the analysis of data from the large-scale data sets sponsored by National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) and the National Science Foundation.

Please note: Applicants are strongly encouraged to read *Estimating Causal Effects: Using Experimental and Observational Designs*, by B. Schneider, et.al. **prior** to submitting a research grant proposal.

AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL FOUNDATION

Pre-college Program

<http://www.apa.org/apf/funding/pre-college-rfp.pdf>

Deadline: May 1, 2011

Range of Grants: Up to \$20,000

Background: The Mission of the American Psychological Foundation (APF) is to advance the creation, communication and application of psychological knowledge to benefit society and improve people's lives.

The APF provides financial support for innovative research and programs that enhance the power of psychology to elevate the human condition and advance human potential both now and in generations to come. It executes this mission through a broad range of scholarships and grants.

Opportunity: The Pre-college Program awards grants to individuals or institutions to advance psychological science in high schools. More than 200,000 students are currently enrolled in high school psychology, and APF wants to support high quality education in psychology and to nurture the next generation of psychologists.

Goals of the program:

- ♣ Reinforce the discipline of psychology as a science in secondary school curricula.
- ♣ Expand the profile of psychology as a science to attract talented high school students to pursue the discipline.
- ♣ Convey to high school students that psychological science is a tool to improve society.
- ♣ Teach students about career options that apply psychology outside of an academic setting (e.g. NASA, organizational development).
- ♣ Proposals for programs must focus on supporting the education of talented high school students.

Please note: Questions about this program should be directed to Kim Palmer Rowsome, Program Officer, at krowsome@apa.org

JAMES S. MCDONNELL FOUNDATION

21st Century Science Initiative

<http://www.jsmf.org/apply/apply.php>

Deadline: March 15, 2011

Range of Grants: Up to \$450,000

Background: Aerospace pioneer James S. McDonnell established the McDonnell Foundation in 1950. The Foundation has pursued his goals by supporting scientific, educational, and charitable causes locally, nationally, and internationally. The organization was renamed the James S. McDonnell Foundation (JSMF) in 1984 in honor of its founder. Since its inception, the McDonnell Foundation has awarded over \$347 million in grants.

Opportunity: In 2000 the James S. McDonnell Foundation announced new grantmaking guidelines for a new funding initiative: the 21st Century Science Initiative.

JSMF believes that private philanthropic support for science is most effective when it invests in the acquisition of new knowledge and in the responsible application of knowledge for solving the real world problems. Applicants are encouraged to keep this in mind when preparing proposals. Projects supported through the 21st Century Science Initiative are expected to meet highly selective intellectual standards.

JSMF Funds in three program Areas:

- ♣ Studying Complex Systems - <http://www.jsmf.org/programs/cs/>
- ♣ Research Awards and Collaborative Awards
- ♣ Brain Cancer Research - <http://www.jsmf.org/programs/bc/>
- ♣ Research Awards and Collaborative Awards
- ♣ Understanding Human Cognition—<http://www.jsmf.org/programs/uhc/>
- ♣ Scholar Awards (by nomination only) and Collaborative Awards

21st Century Research Awards are designed to support research projects with a high probability of generating new knowledge and insights. Projects submitted for funding consideration should be at an early, even preliminary stage of development, and should be intended to break new ground or to revisit commonly-held assumptions. Projects submitted should be sufficiently cross-disciplinary or heterodox to have a strong likelihood of influencing the development of new ways of thinking about important problems.

Please note: A maximum of \$450,000 total costs can be requested and the funds can be expended over a minimum of 3 years to a maximum of 6 years. Smaller amounts of money expended over shorter amounts of time may be requested to help investigators pursue pilot projects or test the feasibility of an experimental approach.

GOOGLE RESEARCH

http://research.google.com/university/relations/research_awards.html

Deadline: Feb. 1st and August 1st of each year

Range of Grants: \$10,000 to \$150,000

Background: Google is committed to developing new technologies to help its users find and use information. Google does significant in-house research and engineering, while maintaining strong ties with academic institutions worldwide pursuing innovative research in core areas relevant to its mission. The Google Research Awards program aims to identify and support world-class, full-time faculty pursuing research in areas of mutual interest.

Opportunity: The purpose of this program is to facilitate more interaction between Google and academia and also nurture stronger relations and partnerships with universities. The intent of the awards program is to support academic research aimed at improving information access (defined broadly). Research Awards are unrestricted and Google retains no intellectual property from the research. Google would prefer that results from the research are open sourced and widely published.

Areas that are of particular interest include (but are not limited to):

- ♣ Economics and market algorithms
- ♣ Education innovation
- ♣ Geo/maps
- ♣ Health
- ♣ Human-computer interaction
- ♣ Information retrieval, extraction, and organization
- ♣ Machine learning and data mining
- ♣ Machine translation
- ♣ Mobile
- ♣ Multi-media search and audio/video processing
- ♣ Natural language processing
- ♣ Policy and standards
- ♣ Security and privacy
- ♣ Social systems
- ♣ Software Engineering
- ♣ Software and hardware systems infrastructure
- ♣ Speech
- ♣ Structured data and database management

Please note: Award recipients will be assigned a Google Sponsor, through whom they can discuss research directions, provide progress updates, engage in knowledge transfer, etc. To read about the research done in the past by Google's technical staff, please visit the Google Research Site at <http://research.google.com/>

KATE B. REYNOLDS CHARITABLE TRUST

<http://www.kbr.org/health-care-division-fund.cfm>

Deadline: March 15, 2011

Range of Grants: Up to \$300,000

Background: The Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust was established in 1947. The mission of the Trust is to improve the quality of life and quality of health for the financially needy of North Carolina.

The Trust was established by the will of Kate Gertrude Bitting Reynolds, a woman of great vision and compassion, whose generosity in life was surpassed only by her philanthropy toward future generations.

The Trust is committed to accelerating positive movement on critical community issues and effecting enduring systemic change.

The Trust will:

- ♣ Engage in partnerships that model collaboration, leverage our capacity, and expand its perspective.
- ♣ Design and sponsor programs and initiatives that promote innovation.
- ♣ Play multiple roles beyond grantmaking such as education, advocacy, and convening.
- ♣ Work with the agencies in which it invests to build sustainable capacity and enhance leadership.

Opportunity: The Trusts' spring 2011 grants cycle will continue its increasingly focused approach toward making investments as meaningful as possible. For the upcoming spring 2011 Health Care Division grant cycle, the Trust will consider applications in all the Health Care Division's priority areas:

- ♣ Diabetes
- ♣ Mental Health and Substance Abuse
- ♣ Access to Primary Medical Care
- ♣ Community Change

Please see details for each priority area on this link: <http://www.kbr.org/pilotFiles/fckPages/file/HCD%20Priorities%20x4.pdf>

The Trust will continue to prioritize and focus primarily on work being conducted in Tier One counties, but will also work throughout the state where the Trust's engagement can have a unique role in addressing some of the longstanding health inequities –particularly investments to change systems of care and to respond to opportunities presented by health reform.

Please note: **An advance consultation is required before submission of a proposal.** If you would like to discuss scheduling an advance consultation, please contact Sharon Hamilton at hamiltons@ecu.edu

NEXT STEPS

- 1. Determine if the prospect is a good fit for your project by reading the information provided and visiting the organization's website.**
- 2. Complete the attached Project Concept Form.**
- 3. E-mail the Project Concept Form to Sharon Hamilton, CFR Director at hamiltons@ecu.edu or Patricia Reidinger, CFR Associate Director at reidingerp@ecu.edu.**

We will contact you to discuss your project in detail and assist you with the proposal development process.

The G.I.F.T. Center

Grant Information – Funding for Tomorrow

ARE YOU SEARCHING FOR A FUNDER FOR YOUR PROJECT? MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO EXPLORE THE G.I.F.T. CENTER.

The mission of the G.I.F.T. Center is to provide access to research, training, and editing services to support and enhance the efforts of ECU faculty and staff members in obtaining corporate, foundation and other non-governmental grants.

The G.I.F.T. Center is located in the Greenville Centre. Appointments are required. Please call Tricia Reidinger at 737-1820 or email reidingerp@ecu.edu to schedule a convenient time for individual instruction.



We look forward to working with you!

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Happy Valentine's Day!