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Kent State Stark
External Grant Awards over Time

External grant awards to Kent State Stark have funded paid internships, undergraduate research experiences, and scholarships for our students; credentialing of teachers; teaching and learning equipment and technology for classrooms, laboratories, and the field; community service activities; creative activity on campus and in the community; and research.

In both number and dollar value of external grants awarded, Stark Campus grant activity has increased in the last four fiscal years compared to the previous four years. Figure 1 displays the percent change in the total number (blue) and dollar value (yellow) of external grants awarded between the two periods: fiscal years 2010 to 2013 and fiscal years 2014 to 2017. Although Kent State University and the regional campuses experienced declines in both the number and dollar value of external grants awarded between the two periods, the number of external grants awarded to the Stark Campus increased by 14% and the dollar value rose by 17%.

Figure 1

Source: Kent State University, Research and Sponsored Programs, Award Activity Reports, Summary of Funding by Department, FY2010-FY2017 (FY2014 – FY2017 reports are available online; see the Office of Sponsored Programs website.)
External Grant Awards over Time (continued from page 1)
Overall Kent State University external grant funding declined from the 2010-13 period to the 2014-17 period during similar periods of decline in overall US R&D funding and state funding of higher education. Total U.S. federal R&D outlays fell 1.9% between the two periods and declined 9.7% as a percent of total outlays and 5.8% as a percent of total discretionary outlays (American Association for the Advancement of Science, Historical Trends in Federal R&D, R&D as a Percent of the Total Federal Budget, 1962-2017). Simultaneously, state spending on higher education remains well below historic levels and only recently has begun to rise again. Although Ohio increased state spending on higher education by 3% from 2016 to 2017, its higher education funding in 2017 was 15.2% less than its pre-recession 2008 higher education spending level, based on a report from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. Given the reduced federal and state funding for research and higher education in general over the two time periods and the increasing pressure on colleges and universities to seek grant funding resulting in more competition for less funds, it is not surprising that Kent State University’s external grant funding declined. The increase in the number and dollar value of external grant funding on the Stark Campus over this period is noteworthy, and the calendar year grant activity from 2013 to 2017 has some interesting trends and highlights.

Kent State Stark Calendar Years 2013-2017 Grant Activity
Figure 2 provides the number of grant submissions and grant awards by Kent State University at Stark from calendar years 2013 to 2017. Both submission and award numbers have gradually increased from 35 submissions and 21 awards in CY 2013 to 66 submissions and 27 awards in CY 2017. CY 2017 was the highest number of submissions and CY 2016 was the highest number of awards with 28 that year.

Figure 3 displays the dollar value of submissions and awards. Excluding CY 2016, the dollar value of submissions displays an upward trend. However, both CY 2015 and 2017 had a couple large submissions greater than a million dollars, which are skewing the data. Additionally, CY 2016 was a weaker year in terms of the dollar value of submissions and awards. CY 2017 had the highest dollar value of submissions at $5.7 million with $1.1 million in awards.

In CY 2017, the Stark Campus received 19 cents for every external dollar and 27 cents for every internal dollar in submissions. Its award rate was 36% and 47% for the number of external and internal submissions, respectively.
Kent State Stark Calendar Year 2017 Grant Activity Highlights

Highlights from Calendar Year (CY) 2017 grant activity include:
Grant activity includes grant applications and awards as well as active grants.

- The number of Kent State Stark staff, graduate assistants, faculty, and administrators who have grant activity each calendar year continues to rise from 36 in 2014, to 37 in 2015, to 38 in 2016, to 49 in 2017.
- In CY 2017, 35 faculty and 14 staff, graduate assistants, and administrators had grant activity compared to 32 faculty and 6 staff and administrators from CY 2016.
- Twenty of the 49 individuals at Kent State Stark with grant activity in CY 2017 had activity with multiple grants, and five individuals (Marie Gasper-Hulvat, A. Bathi Kasturiarachi, Matthew Lehnert, Deepraj Mukherjee, and Haithem Zourrig) were juggling grant activities associated with 6 to 8 grants.
- The number of disciplines with grant activity on the Stark Campus also continues to expand from 18 in CY 2014 to 21 in CY 2017.
- Nearly all the Enrollment Management and Student Services areas had grant and external funding activity in CY 2017, including the Academic Success Center, Admissions, Advising, and Financial Aid. Global Education and Multicultural Initiatives also had grant activity.
- The Dean, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, and Assistant Dean for Enrollment Management had grant activity in CY 2017.
- In CY 2017, the Arts led the way with eight faculty/graduate assistant grant awards, followed by Social Sciences and Humanities with four awards and STEM and Nursing also with four. Education had three awards, business had two, and Communication Studies had a single award. Staff and administrators received the remaining five grant awards.

The following Kent State Stark staff, graduate assistant, faculty, and administrators had grant activity during calendar year (CY) 2017:

- Venecia R. Alexander
- Ian Anderson
- Paul Bagavandoss
- Katrina Bloch
- William M. Casterlow
- Youghun Chae
- Brian Chopko
- Julie Cremeans-Smith
- Jennifer Cunningham
- Amy Damrow
- Patrick Dillon
- Clarke Earley
- Kim Finer
- Kimberly Garchar
- Marie Gasper-Hulvat
- Angela Guercio
- Lisa Hart
- Jennifer Hall
- Marie Gasper-Hulvat
- A. Bathi Kasturiarachi
- Christine Kauth
- Kathy Kinzer-Downs
- Robert Kipka
- Adam Larison
- Matthew Lehnert
- Chih-ling Liou
- Hector McDaniel
- Jack McWhorter
- Ann Martinez
- Robert Mittner
- Deepraj Mukherjee
- Andrea Myers
- Mark Nowakowski
- Victor C. Pavona
- Emily Ribnik
- Sarah Schmidt
- Carrie E. Schweitzer
- Denise A. Seachrist
- James Seelye
- Debra Shelestak
- Gregory Smith
- Mary S. Southards
- Lindsay Starkey
- Anthony Sterns
- Eric Taylor
- Amber Wallace
- Amanda Weyant
- Lori Wilfong
- Haithem Zourrig

CY 2017 grant awards funded a variety of activity, including faculty research in education, in online composition courses, in Russian art history, in the improvement of health outcomes by using a newly developed system, in small business enterprises in Ohio, in location strategies of emerging country multinationals, in the post-trauma adjustment of police officers, in the assessment of young adults’ perceptions of Advance Care Planning and Hospice, and in mouthpart mechanisms of fluid-feeding insects; small business and entrepreneurial services provided by the Small Business Development Center; Fine Arts Building renovation and the building of a new campus greenhouse; creative activity including the Second Annual Kent State Stark Guitar Weekend, an Akron mural project, and the development of a new play that grew out of a teaching-research project in Education; arts excellence in 2-D visual art; the development of a new interdisciplinary course in English and History and the redevelopment of an art history course; discount student nursing loans; and professional conference travel for staff and faculty.
Kent State Stark Grant Activities Update

Table 1 displays grant submissions by quarter and outcomes and award rates for the corresponding quarterly grant submissions. The Stark Campus has recently closed out fiscal year 2017, which ended with 30 awards valued at $1.1 million. Fifty-nine proposals were submitted, valued at $5 million. Kent State Stark had a 51% award rate based on the number of proposals for FY 2017 and a 23% award rate based on the dollar value of submitted proposals.

Through three quarters of fiscal year 2018 (FY 2018), Kent State Stark faculty, staff, graduate assistants, and administrators submitted 47 grant proposals valued at $1.5 million. Nineteen grants valued at $337 thousand have been awarded in FY 2018 to date and 9 grants valued at $247 thousand are pending. To date, Kent State Stark has been awarded half of all the grants for which it applied, and 28% of the dollars for which it applied in FY 2018.

Table 1
Kent State University at Stark
Grant Activity by Quarter by Submission Date
April 4, 2018

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<th>Fiscal Year 2017</th>
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<td><strong>FY2017 Total</strong></td>
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<td><strong>$5,012,359</strong></td>
<td><strong>30</strong></td>
<td><strong>$1,110,252</strong></td>
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<td><strong>FY2018 Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>47</strong></td>
<td><strong>$1,452,580</strong></td>
<td><strong>19</strong></td>
<td><strong>$337,083</strong></td>
<td><strong>50.0%</strong></td>
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* incomplete data

Recent Grant Awards

Kent State Stark faculty members were awarded the following grants:


- **Haithem Zourrig**, Ph.D. and **Deepraj Mukherjee**, Ph.D., Kent State University Teaching Council, 2018 Summer Teaching Development Grant, “Simulation for Entrepreneurship and Business Students,” ($9,000).

Recent Grant Submissions

A Kent State Stark faculty member submitted the following grant in April:

Funding Opportunities for Faculty and Staff

The following is a list of grants, awards, and competitions listed by educational area with upcoming deadlines. Please contact Theresa Ford (tford15@kent.edu or x 53580) if you have any questions regarding an opportunity on this list or wish to apply to one.

Arts and Humanities

- American Philosophical Association, Small Grant Fund, (up to $5,000), to fund projects of its members that benefit the profession, deadline June 30.
- American Philosophical Association, Fund for Diversity and Inclusiveness, ($1,000), supports efforts to make philosophy as a field more diverse and inclusive from the major to the professoriate, deadline rolling and decisions within 2 weeks of application.
- American Philosophical Association, Teaching Fund, ($1,000), support for philosophy teaching initiatives and programs, deadline rolling and decisions made within 2 weeks of application.
- College Art Association, Millard Meiss Publication Fund, supports book-length scholarly manuscripts in the history of art, visual studies, and related subjects that have been accepted by a publisher on their merits but cannot be published in the most desirable form without a subsidy; applicant authors and presses must be institutional CAA member, deadline September 15, 2018.
- Ohio Humanities Council, Monthly Grants ($2,000), deadline 1st business day of month; Media Planning Grants, ($2,000), deadline 1st business day of month; Cultural Heritage Tourism Planning Grant, ($2,000) deadline 1st business day of month.
- Pollock-Krasner Foundation, Grants for Artist with Financial Need, for visual artists who are painters, sculptors, and artists who work on paper, including printmakers, who have genuine financial needs that are not necessarily catastrophic, deadline open.
- Women’s Studio Workshop in Rosendale, NY, Artist Book Residency, Art-in-Education Artist’s Book Grant, (stipend of $350/week for up to 10 weeks; up to $750 for materials; up to $250 for travel within the US, free housing, and 24/7 studio access), to create a new artist’s book, which is handprinted and bound in the studio and to work with young people in WSW’s studios, deadline November 15, 2018.

Children/Youth

- Caplan Foundation for Early Childhood, supports innovative projects and programs with the potential to significantly enhance the development, health, safety, education, and/or quality of life of children from infancy through five years of age, deadline May 31, 2018 (letter of intent).
- William T. Grant Foundation, Research Grants, ($100,000 - $600,000), for research that increases understanding of programs, policies, and practices that reduce inequality in youth outcomes, and strategies to improve the use of research evidence in ways that benefit youth, deadline May 2, 2018 (letter of inquiry).
- William T. Grant Foundation, Scholars Award, (up to $350,000 over 5 years), supports career development for promising early-career researchers. The program funds five-year research and mentoring plans that significantly expand junior researchers’ expertise in new disciplines, methods, and content areas. Two focus areas: 1. Programs, policies, and practices that reduce inequality in youth outcomes, and strategies to improve the use of research evidence in ways that benefit youth, deadline July 5, 2018.

Citizen Involvement

- Herb Block Foundation, Projects to Encourage Citizen Involvement, (up to $25,000), for projects related to citizen education and greater voter participation in the electoral process, deadline June 5, 2018 (letter of inquiry) and July 11, 2018 (full proposal).

Education

- African American Success Foundation, Lydia Donaldson Tutt-Jones Memorial Research Grant, ($5,000), research to study African American success, particularly in the area of education, to encourage the building of the science of African American success by studying those attitudes and behaviors that cause people to attain academic success, deadline June 1, 2018.
- Spencer Foundation, Small Research Grants, supports smaller scale or pilot research projects that have budgets of $50,000 or less across a variety of disciplines in field-initiated education research, deadline May 1, 2018 (August 1, 2018, November 1, 2018, February 1, 2019).
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**Fellowships & Research Leaves**

(NOTE: please contact Theresa at 5-3580 or tford15@kent.edu for information on additional fellowships not listed here.)

- Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (Wilson Center), Kennan Institute, **Billington Fellowship**, ($31,500; monthly stipend of $3,500, research facilities, a research intern, and computer access), for research in the fields of Russian history and culture, deadline May 15, 2018.

**Health Care, Nursing, Wellness**

- Margaret Clark Morgan Foundation, **Grants**, supports mental health programs in Northeast Ohio, deadline May 1, 2018 (letter of inquiry).
- Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) Foundation, **End-of-Life Care Nursing Career Development Award** ($2,000), to support continued educational activities for a RN dedicated to caring for patients and their families during the final stages of life, deadline June 15, 2018.
- Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI), **Global Research Grants** ($10,000), supports a nurse-investigator to focus on addressing health disparities globally, deadline May 1, 2018.
- Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) Honor Society of Nursing, **STTI/Doris Bloch Research Award**, ($5,000), to support research by nurses to contribute to the advancement of nursing, deadline July 1, 2018.

**Inequality**

- William T. Grant Foundation, **Research Grants**, ($100,000 - $600,000), for research that increases understanding of programs, policies, and practices that reduce inequality in youth outcomes, and strategies to improve the use of research evidence in ways that benefit youth, deadline May 2, 2018 (letter of inquiry).
- Russell Sage Foundation, **Social Inequality**, (up to $75,000 or up to $150,000 depending on the data used for up to 2 years), supports innovative research on whether rising economic inequality has affected social, political, economic institutions, and the extent to which increased inequality has affected equality of opportunity, social mobility, and the intergenerational transmission of advantage, deadline August 20, 2018 (letter of inquiry).

**LGBTQ**

- Stonewall Community Foundation, **Bee’s Fund Microgrants**, (up to $650), to help young women who have lost family support because of their sexual orientation or gender identity to become self-sufficient, deadline open.

**Libraries**

- Institute of Museum and Library Service, **National Leadership Grants for Libraries (NLG-Libraries)**, (up to $150,000), support projects that address challenges faced by the library and museum fields and that have the potential to advance practice in those fields. Successful projects will generate results such as new tools, research findings, models, services, practices, or alliances that can be widely used, adapted, scaled, or replicated to extend the benefits of federal investment, deadline May 14, 2018.

**Multiple Disciplines and Themes**

- Course Hero-Woodrow Wilson **Fellowship for Excellence in Teaching**, (up to $40,000 - $10,000 for research and travel and $30,000 for undergraduate student assistants) for tenure-track assistant professors passed the third-year working in any field in the arts and sciences or in a business school who exhibit balance between scholarly excellence and a commitment to outstanding undergraduate teaching practice that creates a new level of engagement for students in and beyond the classroom, deadline April 30, 2018.
- J. M. Kaplan Fund, **Furthermore Program**, ($1,500-$15,000), supports nonfiction book publishing projects related to the urban experience; natural and historic resources; art, architecture, and design; cultural history; and civil liberties and other public issues, deadline September 1, 2018.
- Spencer Foundation, **Small Research Grants**, supports smaller scale or pilot research projects that have budgets of $50,000 or less across a variety of disciplines in field-initiated education research, deadline May 1, 2018, (August 1, 2018, November 1, 2018, and February 1, 2019).
- Walmart Foundation, **Community Grant Program**, (up to $5,000), supports local nonprofit organizations within the service area of the individual Walmart stores in the areas of hunger relief and healthy eating, sustainability, women’s economic empowerment, and/or career opportunities, deadline December 31, 2018.
Professional Development – faculty and staff

- The NEA Foundation, Learning & Leadership Grants, ($2,000 for individuals and $5,000 for groups), support NEA faculty and staff members in public institutions of higher education for 1 of 2 purposes: 1.) to support individuals in high-quality professional development experiences, such as summer institutes, conferences, or action research, and 2.) to support groups engaged in collegial study, including study groups, action research, lesson plan development, or mentoring experiences for faculty or staff, preference given to projects with STEM or global education, deadline June 1, 2018.

Social Sciences

- American Sociological Association, Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline, (up to $8,000), to nurture the development of scientific knowledge by funding small, ground breaking research initiatives and other important scientific research activities such as conferences, deadlines June 15 and December 15.
- Department of Justice, NIJ FY18 Research and Evaluation in Safety, Health, and Wellness in the Criminal Justice System, ($3,000,000 = total funding), for multidisciplinary research projects addressing four topics: impact of fatigue and stress on officer performance; impact of occupational prestige and job satisfaction on officer stress resilience; enhancing strategies for officer interaction with mentally ill individuals; and reducing traffic-related officer fatalities and injuries through technology enhancement and policy, deadline May 14, 2018.
- Public Welfare Foundation, Criminal and Social Justice Programs, supports groups working on sentencing reform at the state level and working on ending the criminalization and over-incarceration of youth in the US and policy and system reforms to improve the lives of low-wage working people in the US, deadline rolling (Letters of Intent).
- Russell Sage Foundation, Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration, (up to $75,000 or up to $150,000 depending on data used for up to 2 years), supports research on social, economic, and political effects of changing racial and ethnic composition of U.S. population, including the transformation of communities and ideas about what it means to be American, deadline 5/24/18.
- Russell Sage Foundation, Small Grants in Behavioral Economics, to support high quality research in behavioral economics and to encourage young investigators to enter this developing field, deadline rolling.
- Russell Sage Foundation, multiple grant programs and research fellowships with letters of inquiry deadlines:
  - Future of Work, August 20, 2018
  - Immigration and Immigrant Integration, May 24, 2018
  - Integrating Biology and Social Science Knowledge (BioSS), May 24, 2018 and August 20, 2018.
  - The Social, Economic, and Political effects of the Affordable Care Act, August 20, 2018.
  - Computational Social Science, August 15, 2018.
  - Visiting Researchers Fellowship, May 1, 2018 for a 2-3 month residency between Sep 1 – June 30, 2019.
- Smith Richardson Foundation, Domestic Public Policy Program, ($25,000 - $104,000), supports projects that help the public and policy makers understand and address critical challenges facing the United States, deadline open (Concept Paper).

Special Collections/Research Libraries – Travel & Research Grants

Please note that many of these short-term fellowships and grants encourage scholars to call the library before applying, and many have specific time periods (e.g. summer months) covered by the fellowship for library/collections use.

- Louisiana State University, LSU Libraries Special Collections Research Grant, ($1,000) to support travel and lodging of the work of researchers who use the LSU Special Collections Library, deadline April 30, 2018.
- Smith College Libraries, Grants for Researchers, ($1,000 - $2,500)
  - Margaret Storrs Grierson Fellowship, Friends of the Smith College Libraries Fellowship, and Germain Fellowship, for research in the Sophia Smith Collection and College Archives, to support 4-6 week visits, ($2,500).
  - Mortimer Fellowship, for research in the Mortimer Rare Book Collection, ($1,000).
  - Travel-to-Collections Awards, ($1,000) to offset travel expenses for researchers in Special Collections at Smith College and to support researchers at the pre-proposal stage who would like to survey holdings.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact Amy Hague, Research Services Archivist, (ahague@smith.edu) before applying, no application deadline.

- University of Southern California Libraries, Grants,
  - Wallis Annenberg Research Grants, (up to $1,000), to scholars whose work would benefit from access to primary source materials held in the USC Libraries archival and book collections, deadline March 15 or September 15.
  - Research Grants for German Exile Studies, for scholars whose work would benefit from access to German exile study materials, no deadline.
STEM, Environment

- Alternative Research and Development Foundation, Annual Open Grant Program, (up to $40,000), to fund research projects that develop alternative methods to advance science and replace or reduce animal use, deadline May 1, 2018.
- American Chemical Society, ACS Award for Encouraging Women into Careers in Chemical Sciences, ($5,000 + $10,000 to an academic institution + up to $1,500 to travel to accept award), to recognize significant accomplishments by individuals who have stimulated or fostered the interest of women in chemistry and promoted their professional development as chemists or chemical engineers, deadline November 1, 2018.
- Conservation Alliance, Conservation Projects, (up to $50,000), to support projects that seek to secure permanent and quantifiable protection of a specific wild land or waterway; priority given to landscape-scale projects that have a clear benefit for habitat, deadline for nomination (May 1, 2018) and invited full proposal (June 1, 2018).
- The Eppley Foundation for Research, Research Grants, (~ $10,000 to $30,000), supports advanced, novel, scientific research by PhDs or MDs with an established record of publication in their specialties, does not fund work that can qualify for funding from conventional sources such as the National Science Foundation, it is important that the work proposed be novel in its insights and unlikely to be underway elsewhere, the foundation takes risks, deadline Sep. 15, letter of inquiry.
- National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM), 7-12 Classroom Research Grants, (up to $6,000), to support and encourage classroom-based research in precollege mathematics education in collaboration with college or university mathematics educators, deadline November 2, 2018.
- Ohio EPA, Ohio Environmental Education Fund Mini Grant (up to $5,000) and Regular Grant (up to $50,000), supports projects that increase public awareness and knowledge about environmental issues, and provide the skills to make informed decisions and take responsible actions, deadlines Jul 10, 2018 (letter of inquiry) & Jul 17, 2018 (full proposal).
- Ohio Space Grant Consortium, Student-Innovative-Creative-Hands-On Project (SICHOP), ($5,000 with 1:1 match where unrecovered or waived indirect costs can count as match), for undergraduate student hands-on projects with a faculty mentor, deadline: proposals accepted at any time.
- Sigma Xi Student Science and Engineering Research Grants, Grants-in-Aid of Research Program, (up to $1,000, $2,500, and $5,000 depending on type of science research), funding can support travel expenses or non-standard laboratory equipment necessary to complete a specific project, deadline October 1, 2018.
- Wild Ones, Seeds for Education Grant, ($500), for plants and seeds for projects that focus on the enhancement and development of an appreciation for nature using native plants. Projects must emphasize involvement of K-12 students and volunteers in all phases of development, and increase the educational value of the site, deadline October 15, 2018.
- Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund, (up to $25,000), to support plant, animal, and fungi species conservation efforts without discrimination on the basis of region or species, deadline June 30, 2018.