University Teaching Council
Summer Teaching Development Grant

Summer Teaching Development Grant Deadline
In support of excellence in education at Kent State University, the University Teaching Council calls for proposals to the Summer Teaching Development Grant (STDG) program. This program is intended to enhance student learning by engaging faculty to significantly improve teaching methods, develop curricula, or create innovative course materials.

Faculty may submit one STDG proposal for a five-week project ($4,500), a ten-week project ($9,000), or a collaborative proposal with the collaborators splitting the $9,000 grant. All full-time faculty are eligible to apply and part-time, adjunct faculty may apply as a co-applicant with a full-time faculty member.

The application deadline is Friday, February 16, 2018 at 11:59 p.m. Click here to access the website with the online application. The website also has sample proposals at the bottom of the page.

Faculty Discussion on
Summer Teaching Development Grant Proposal
On Tuesday, February 6, 2018, from noon to 12:50, in Main Hall Conference Room 1, faculty will be on hand to discuss writing successful Summer Teaching Development Grant (STDG) proposals.

Faculty discussants include recent STDG award recipients as well as University Teaching Council members, who will review STDG proposals. Drs. Jen Cunningham and Marie Gasper-Hulvat, recent STDG recipients, will provide information on how to structure a proposal, helpful resources at your disposal, and other advice on developing and writing a successful proposal. Representing the reviewers will be Drs. Jim Seelye and Marie Gasper-Hulvat, who serve on the University Teaching Council, and will be reviewing proposals for STDGs. They will be able to discuss what they look for in a proposal as reviewers, guidelines that faculty can follow, and pitfalls to avoid when writing your proposal.

Light refreshments will be served. If you have any questions, please contact Theresa at tford15@kent.edu or x 53580.
New National Endowment for the Humanities Program

The National Endowment for the Humanities has announced a new program, NEH Infrastructure and Capacity-Building Challenge Grant, to strengthen the institutional base of the humanities in the United States through matching grants to libraries, museums, archives, colleges and universities, historic sites, scholarly associations, and other cultural institutions for efforts that build institutional capacity or infrastructure for long-term sustainability. This grant may be used toward capital expenditures such as construction and renovation projects, purchase of equipment and software, sharing of humanities collections between institutions, documentation of lost or imperiled cultural heritage, sustaining digital scholarly infrastructure, and preservation and conservation of humanities collections.

Requests may be made for up to $750,000 and require a Non Federal Cost Share match. Proposals are due March 15, 2018. Information on this opportunity may be found at: https://www.neh.gov/news/press-release/2018-01-16

Institutions may apply for one NEH Challenge Grant in a calendar year. Due to the limitation set by NEH, Sponsored Programs is requiring submission of an internal Letter of Interest by February 9, 2018 for anyone interested in submitting to the NEH Infrastructure and Capacity-Building Challenge Grant 2018 program. Please forward your letter of interest to Diana Skok at dskok@kent.edu. Your Letter of Interest should be no more than 3 pages and should include: Limited submission cover page, names of investigators, an abbreviated CV of the Principal Investigator, amount of funding request, your source for cost share, and a brief description of the project. If Sponsored Programs receives more than one letter of interest, an internal review will be conducted. Contact Diana Skok with any questions you may have regarding this Limited Submission opportunity: 330-672-0700.

Ten Common Grant-Writing Mistakes from The Chronicle of Higher Education

Jude P. Mikal is a research scientist and research-development consultant at the University of Minnesota’s Minnesota Population Center, who works with faculty members on their external grant proposals, and Gina Rumore is a program development coordinator at the Minnesota Population Center. They have constructed a list of the 10 most common nonscientific errors in grant writing and they offer solutions to each mistake. The errors are summarized below, and the link to the article contains the solutions.

1. Mismatch between the research or project idea and the funding organization.
2. A vague project summary or a summary that meanders from the proposal description.
3. A proposal that is ambitious in scope but lean in investigators.
4. A project promising too much or too little.
5. Chasing funding instead of committing to a research direction often results in failed proposals.
6. Faculty who are constantly busy, but never complete projects.
7. Proposals with many, negative micro-criticisms.
8. Too much technical detail in the methods section.
9. Proposals that are not compelling to broad audiences.
10. Feedback fatigue, in which the feedback on a proposal become overwhelming.
Grant Activity by Quarter, Fiscal Years 2017 – 2018

Table 1 displays grant submissions by quarter and outcomes and award rates for the corresponding quarterly grant submissions. We have 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 requested proposals.

Through second quarter fiscal year 2018 (FY 2018), Kent State Stark faculty, staff, and administrators submitted 32 grant proposals valued at $1.1 million. The number and dollar value of grants submitted in the first half of the current fiscal year are higher than the same period last year: 32 in FY 2018 versus 26 in FY 2017 and $1.1 million in FY 2018 versus $0.7 million in FY 2017. Eleven grants valued at $49,290 have been awarded in FY 2018 to date and 10 grants valued at $0.4 million are pending.

Table 1

Kent State University at Stark
Grant Activity by Quarter by Submission Date
February 1, 2017

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Recent Grant Awards

The following Kent State Stark faculty member received the following grant:

- **Jennifer Cunningham, Ph.D.**, National Council of Teachers of English, Conference on College Composition and Communication (CCCC), Emergent Researcher Award, “Cross-Institutional Study of Communities of Inquiry (CoI) in Blended and Online Composition Courses,” with Lyra Hilliard, M.F.A., University of Maryland; Mary K. Stewart, Ph.D., Indiana University of Pennsylvania; Natalie Stillman-Webb, Ph.D., University of Utah, ($10,000).

Recent Grant Submissions

Additionally, Kent State Stark administrators, staff, and a graduate student submitted the following grants and letter of interest:

- **A. Damrow, Ph.D.**, Kent State University, College of Education, Health, and Human Services, Research Seed Award, “Dialogue Among Pre-Service Teachers Across Distance and Difference,” ($5,000).
- **A. Guercio, Ph.D.**, Kent State University Foundation Annual Grant Program, “Kent State Stark Makerspace,” ($35,000).
- **J. Hall, M.A.**, Kent State University Foundation Annual Grant Program, “American Sign Language Lab,” ($75,000).
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.
- Bard College, BGC Visiting Fellowship, deadline March 1, 2016.
- Elizabeth Firestone Graham Foundation, Grants, ($5,000-$15,000), supports direct costs for catalogues and other publications accompanying contemporary art exhibitions and projects, especially those supporting emerging and under-recognized artists, and produced by organizations outside the nation's cultural centers; deadline March 1, 2018 (letter of inquiry) and April 15, 2018 (full proposal) or August 1, 2018 (letter of inquiry) and September 15, 2018 (full proposal).
- Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation, Collaborative Performing Arts Tours, ($1,000 - $10,000 or up to $15,000 for projects that include the commissioning of new work), for projects that increase access to live performing arts engagements for audiences across the mid-Atlantic region, especially in underserved communities, deadline March 2, 2018.
- Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation, USArtists International Grant Program, (up to $15,000), to American dance, music, theatre ensembles that have been invited to perform at international festivals anywhere in the world outside the U.S., deadline April 5, 2018.
- National Book Foundation, Innovations in Reading Prize, ($10,000), to individuals or organizations that have developed innovative means of creating and sustaining lifelong love of reading, deadline February 28, 2018.
- National Endowment for the Arts, Creative Writing Fellowships, ($25,000), fellowships in fiction, poetry, and creative nonfiction enable recipients to set aside time for writing, research, travel, and general career advancement, deadline March 7, 2018.
- National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Seminars and Institutes, support professional development programs in the humanities for school teachers and for college and university faculty, deadline February 22, 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.

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).

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.
Internal – Kent State University

- Kent State University, Farris Family Innovation Awards, ($8,000/year for up to 3 years), to support research of tenure-track (non-tenured) faculty, deadline February 2, 2018.
- Kent State University, Kent State of Wellness, Seeds of Wellness Program Grant, (up to $1,000), for wellness initiatives focusing on the following priority areas: alcohol and other drug use, mental health, nutrition, physical activity, preventive care, safety, sexual health, and smoking and tobacco use, deadline for spring semester March 4, 2018 at 11:59 pm.
- Kent State University, University Teaching Council, Summer Teaching Development Grants, ($4,500 for 5 weeks and $9,000 for 10 weeks), to enhance student learning by engaging faculty to significantly improve teaching methods, develop curricula, or create innovative course materials, deadline February 16, 2018 (11:59 pm).

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).

Justice

- Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, OVW FY 2018 Research and Evaluation Initiative, ($100,000 - $450,000), for research and evaluation of approaches to combat domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking, deadline March 6, 2018.
- Unitarian Universalist Association, Fund for a Just Society, ($15,000), accepting proposals from non-Unitarian Universalist groups in the US and Canada for community organizing campaigns aimed at creating systemic change in the economic, social, and political structures that affect the lives of those who have been excluded from resources, power, and the right to determination, deadline March 15, 2018.

Multiple Disciplines

- J.M. Kaplan Fund, Grants to Nonprofit Publishers, ($1,500 - $15,000), supports book publishing, including writing, research, editing, design, indexing, photography, illustration, and/or printing/binding, about the urban experience; natural and historic resources; art, architecture, design; cultural history; and civil liberties; other public issues, deadline March 1, 2018.
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Nursing

- Drexel University, Bayada Technological Innovation in Nursing Award ($10,000), to acknowledge nurses who have made a significant contribution to nursing education or practice through the development and/or adoption of a new technology, deadline March 1, 2018.
- 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.

Social Sciences

- Heritage Center Foundation, LTC John William Whitman Research Grant (up to $1,750) for independent researchers who are working on an under-explored topic in military history; funded research conducted at the US Army Heritage and Education Center in Carlisle, PA, deadline March 1, 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, 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.
- 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.
- Penn State University Libraries, Eberly Family Special Collections Library, Summer Research Travel Awards, ($1,500), for travel to the Eberly Family Special Collections Library for academic research, deadline April 15, 2018.
  - Dorothy Foehr Research Travel Award, for using any of the Eberly Family Special Collections Library’s collections
  - Helen F. Faust Women Writers Research Travel Award, for researchers whose work focuses on women writers
  - Albert M. Petska Eighth Air Force Archives Research Travel Award, supports researchers using the Eighth Air Force archive, 1939-2009.
  - Through the Flower Research Travel Award, supports researchers using the Judy Chicago art education collection, 1970-2011.
  - Mary Ann O’Brian Malkin Research Travel Award, supports researchers whose work focuses on the history of dance and dance notation.
- 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-Collection 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.
- Vassar College, Archives & Special Collections Library, Grants for Researchers, (up to $3,000), for stays up to 3 weeks to support travel, lodging, and meals associated with the on-site use of the collections, deadline March 15, 2018.

STEM, Environment

For your students ➔

- #1 Sigma Xi, Student Science and Engineering Research Grants, ($1,000 – all areas of science and engineering; $2,500 – vision-related research; $5,000 – astronomy research), supports travel expenses to/from a research site or for purchase of non-standard laboratory equipment necessary to complete a specific research project, deadline March 15, 2018.
- #2 Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, College Scholarships in Environmental Science and Environmental Engineering (up to $2,500) for students entering their final year in four- and five-year programs, deadline April 15, 2017.
- AnitaB.org, Pass It On Awards Program, ($500-$1,000), helps fund women in computing or projects that inspire and support girls and women to enter computing, applications usually open in December and close in March.
- 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, deadlines March 15 or September 15, letter of inquiry.
### STEM, Environment (continued)

- EPA, Office of Environmental Education, **Environmental Education Grant**, ($50,000-$10,000) to support locally-focused environmental education projects that increase public awareness and knowledge about environmental and conservation issues and provide the skills that participants in its funded projects need to make informed decisions and take responsible actions toward the environment, deadline March 15, 2018. (Webinars: January 31 and February 21, 2018).

- National Institutes of Health, **NIH Small Research Grant Program, R03 Small Grant Program**, (up to $50,000 up to 2 years), supports small research projects that can be carried out in a short period of time with limited resources, including pilot and feasibility studies, secondary analysis of existing data, small self-contained research projects, development of research methodology, and development of new research technology, first standard application deadline is February 16, 2018 (check programs for deadlines).

- 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.

- USDA, **Women and Minority in STEM**, (up to $100,000), supports research projects that have robust collaboration with a target audience of K-14 students to increase the participation of women and underrepresented minorities from rural areas in STEM fields that are relevant to USDA, deadline March 28, 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.

### Wellness

- Kent State University, Kent State of Wellness, **Seeds of Wellness Program Grant**, (up to $1,000), for wellness initiatives focusing on the following priority areas: alcohol and other drug use, mental health, nutrition, physical activity, preventive care, safety, sexual health, and smoking and tobacco use, deadline for spring semester March 4, 2018 at 11:59 pm.

### Youth

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