2017 Research Seed Grant Program

Kent State University’s University Research Council is pleased to announce the 2017 Research Seed Grant Program, which will provide grants of up to $10,000 to support faculty research efforts with potential to attract extramural funding.

2017 Research Seed Grant Program: Key Dates

- Request for Proposals Issued: Monday, Dec 12, 2016
- Proposals Due: Friday, Feb 17, 2017 at 5:00 PM
- Awards Announced: March 31, 2017
- Funded Projects Start Date (anticipated): May 1, 2017

Eligibility: All full-time (tenure-track and non-tenure-track) Kent State faculty members.

Disciplines: Research projects in areas pertinent to university strategic research priorities, that can lead to extramural funding proposals of $100,000 or more e.g. to federal agencies, private foundations, or industrial sponsors.

Number of awards: The URC plans to award eight Research Seed Grants.

Categories of support: Proposals are sought in two categories:

I. Research Initiation Awards – To support initiation of a new research project and produce sufficient preliminary results to develop a new extramural grant proposal.

II. Research Acceleration Awards – To support a research project where a previously submitted extramural grant proposal was not funded. This award will support the effort to produce additional preliminary results and revise/resubmit the proposal.

Budget Details: Allowed costs include support for graduate and undergraduate research assistants, postdocs, and technicians; materials, supplies, and equipment; travel expenses for field work, research collaboration, conferences, and visits to funding agencies/sponsors; and for faculty release time and summer salary.

Duration: Projects are funded for 1 year. Funds must be expended by Aug. 31, 2018.

Deliverables: All recipients must agree to submit at least one proposal for extramural funding no later than August 31, 2019. A final report to the URC is also required.

Number of investigators: Proposals will be considered from individual faculty members or groups of up to four PI’s.

Submission Mechanism and Deadline: Submit your proposal via email to Peggy Kramer at pkramer@kent.edu by Feb. 17, 2017 at 5PM.

Review process: Proposals will be reviewed by a multidisciplinary committee. Preference will be given to faculty with no access to start-up funds or faculty incentive award funds.

Questions? Contact Prof. Robin Selinger at rselinge@kent.edu or 330-672-1582.
2017 UTC Summer Teaching Development Grants
The University Teaching Council’s (UTC) Summer Teaching Development Grant (STDG) is intended to enhance student learning by engaging faculty to improve teaching methods, develop curricula, or create innovative course materials. The UTC seeks proposals that address the university, college or departmental missions, including, but not limited to, proposals that address the LERs/Kent Core, distance learning, interdisciplinary courses, and experiential learning. Proposals must align with the mission of the University Teaching Council and preference will be given to projects that provide the greatest learning benefits to students. The deadline is February 26, 2017 at 11:59 p.m.

Faculty may submit for an STDG in one of two amounts: $4,500 for a five-week period and $9,000 for a ten-week period. In addition, collaborative proposals may split a $9,000 award. All STDG projects must begin during Summer I and only one proposal is permitted per applicant.

Eligibility All full- and part-time faculty members at any Kent campus are eligible for a Summer Teaching Development Grant. Applicants working on collaborative projects must indicate whether they are splitting one award or requesting full awards for each collaborator, depending on the scope of the project. Last year's recipients of a Summer Teaching Development Grant are not eligible to apply for a grant this year. Only one proposal per applicant. For further information, sample proposals, and a description of the procedure to follow, click here.

Please contact Theresa @ 53580 or tford15@kent.edu if you will be applying.

Limited Submission Grants from the National Endowment for the Arts
(1) The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) has released the new Grants in Arts Projects: Creativity Connects guidelines for 2017. The Art Works: Creativity Connects Project is an initiative that is designed to help show how the arts are central to the country’s creativity ecosystem, investigate how support systems for the arts have changed, explore how the arts connect with other industries, and invest in innovative projects to spark new ideas for the arts field. Creativity Connects initiative is a pilot grant opportunity in the Art Works category to support partnerships between arts organizations and organizations from non-arts sectors that include, but are not limited to, business, education, environment, faith, finance, food, health, law, science, and technology. NEA allows only one application per institution. The deadline for proposal submission is May 4, 2017.

To view the guidelines, go to: https://www.arts.gov/grants-organizations/art-works/creativity-connects-projects

Due to the limitations set by NEA, Sponsored Programs is requiring submission of letters of interest by February 1, 2017 if you are interested in submitting a proposal. Please forward your letter of interest to Becky Hayes at rhayes@kent.edu. Your letter of interest should be no more than 3 pages and should include: Limited submission cover page, names of investigators, funding request and your source for cost share as well as a brief description of the project. If Sponsored Programs receives more than one letter of interest, an internal review will be conducted.
Limited Submission Grants from the National Endowment for the Arts (continued from p. 2)

(2) The National Endowment for the Arts has released the Grants in Arts Projects guidelines for 2017. The Art Works program is designed to support the creation of art that meets the highest standards of excellence, public engagement with diverse and excellent art, lifelong learning in the arts, and the strengthening of communities through the arts. The categories for applications are Artistic Communities, Arts Education, Dance, Design, Folk & Traditional Arts, Literature, Local Arts Agencies, Media Arts, Museums, Music, and Opera. NEA has two deadlines for Art Works – February 16 and July 13, 2017. **NEA allows only one application per institution per year for the Arts Works, regardless of the deadline under which you submit.**

To view the guidelines, go to [http://arts.gov/grants-organizations/art-works](http://arts.gov/grants-organizations/art-works)

Disciplines open for application include: Artist Communities, Arts Education, Dance, Design, Folk & Traditional Arts, Literature, Media Arts, Museums, Music, Opera Presenting & Multidisciplinary Works, Theater & Musical Theater, and Visual Arts. Due to the limitations set by NEA, Sponsored Programs is requiring **submission of letters of interest by January 9, 2017** if you are interested in submitting to either of the application deadlines. Please forward your letter of interest to **Becky Hayes** at rhayes@kent.edu. Your letter of interest should be no more than 3 pages and should include: Limited submission **cover page**, names of investigators, subject area, funding request and your source for cost share as well as a brief description of the project including:

- Responsiveness to program objectives identified in the RFP
- Scholarly strength of proposal
- Relevance to the objectives of the university
- Investigator(s)’ previous success in obtaining external funding (including from the sponsor of the opportunity)
- Investigator(s)’ scholarly record
- Investigator(s)’ CV showing:
  - the connection between the investigator(s)’ record and the project goals
  - previous funding

If Sponsored Programs receives more than one **letter of interest**, an internal review will be conducted.

Kent State Stark Faculty Grant Submissions and Awards
The following two faculty applied for the Kent State University Foundation’s Annual Grant in December 2017.

- **Ian Anderson**, Kent State University Foundation Annual Grant Program, “Music Technology Electronics Classroom and Laboratory,” ($25,000).

- **Matthew Lehnert**, Kent State University Foundation Annual Grant Program, “Planting Seeds of Innovation at the KSU-Stark Campus: Establishing a Greenhouse for Multidisciplinary Experiential Learning and Experimental Research,” ($50,000)
Kent State Stark Faculty Grant Submissions and Awards (continued from p. 3)
The following faculty were notified in December 2017 of grant awards from the ArtsinStark Special Projects Grant Program and from the University Research Council of Kent State University for Academic Year and Summer Research/Creative Activity Appointments.

- **Brian Chopko**, The Research Council of Kent State University, Academic Year Research Appointment, “A Longitudinal Study Tracking Post-Trauma Adjustment Among Police Officers.”
- **Gwendolyn Purifoye**, The Research Council of Kent State University, Summer Research Appointment, $6,500.
- **Haithem Zourrig**, The Research Council of Kent State University, Academic Year Research Appointment, “Consumer Susceptibility to Fake Online Reviews: Information Manipulation Theory (IMT) Perspective.”

**Grant Activity by Quarter, FY 2016, and FY 2017**
Table 1 displays grant submissions by quarter and outcomes and award rates for the corresponding quarterly grant submissions. Through the first two quarters of FY 2017, Kent State Stark faculty and staff submitted 24 grant proposals valued at $641,520, which is down considerably from the first two quarters of FY 2016, when Kent State Stark faculty and staff submitted 29 grants valued at $2.2 million. The number of awards has also declined by 1 from the first half of FY 2016, and the dollar value has declined from $0.8 million to $127 thousand. Nine grant applications valued at $491,020 from the first half of FY 2017 are outstanding.

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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

- Alexia Foundation, Alexia Professional Grant, ($20,000), for professional photographers or visual journalists to produce a substantial body of work that shares/promotes the foundation’s goals of promoting world peace and cultural understanding; still photography or multimedia projects accepted, $50 application fee, deadline January 31, 2017.

- Alexia Foundation, 2017 Student Grants, (full tuition for fall semester at Syracuse University’s London program, $1,000, and $500 for student’s academic department), to enable current college student photographers to produce substantial bodies of work that share the Foundation’s goals of promoting world peace and cultural understanding; work that helps bring about change is more valued, deadline February 14, 2017.

- The Gladys Krieble Delmas Foundation, Humanities Program Grants, supports projects that address the concerns of historical studia humanitatis; programs areas include history; archaeology; literature; languages; both classical and modern; philosophy; ethics; comparative religion; the history, criticism, and theory of the arts; and those aspects of the social sciences that share the content and methods of humanistic disciplines, deadline rolling.

- Lannan Foundation, Literary Arts Grants, supports the creation of exceptional poetry and prose written originally in the English language, and to increase the audience for contemporary literature, deadline letter of inquiry accepted throughout the year.

- National Endowment for the Arts, Art Works, support the creation of art that meets the highest standards of excellence, public engagement with diverse and excellent art, lifelong learning in the arts, and the strengthening of communities through the arts. The categories for applications are Artistic Communities, Arts Education, Dance, Design, Folk & Traditional Arts, Literature, Local Arts Agencies, Media Arts, Museums, Music, and Opera, deadlines February 16 and July 13, 2017.

NOTE: This is a limited submission grant, that permits only 1 application per university. A letter of interest is due to Sponsored Programs by January 9. Please contact Theresa x5-3580 or tford15@kent.edu if interested.

- National Endowment for the Arts, Literature Fellowships: Creative Writing Fellowships: Prose, ($25,000), to enable recipients to set aside time for writing, research, travel, and general career advancement, deadline March 8, 2017.

- 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.

- Soros Foundation, Open Society Fellowship, ($80,000 - $100,000), supports individuals pursuing innovative and unconventional approaches to fundamental open society challenges relating to human rights, deadline March 1, 2017.

Education

- US DOE, Office of Innovation and Improvement (OII), Supporting Effective Educator Development (SEED), for grants to national Not-for-Profit Organizations for projects that support teacher or principal training or professional enhancement activities and that are supported by at least Moderate Evidence of Effectiveness deadline March 7, 2017.

Faculty / Staff Professional Development

- National Education Association, Learning and Leadership Grants, ($2,000 for individuals or $5,000 for groups), supports public school teachers, public education support professionals, and/or faculty and staff in public institutions of higher education to participate in professional development experiences such as summer institutes or action research or to grants to groups for collegial study, deadline February 1.

Kent State University

- Kent State University, University Research Council, 2017 Research Seed Grant Program, ($10,000), to support faculty research efforts with the potential for attracting extramural funding (see p. 1 of this Newsletter; contact Professor Robin Selinger at rselinge@kent.edu or 330-672-1582 for further information), deadline February 17, 2017.

- Kent State University, University Teaching Council, Summer Teaching Development Grants, ($4,500 and $9,000), to enhance student learning by engaging faculty to improve teaching methods, develop curricula, or create innovative course materials, (see p. 2 of this Newsletter for further information), deadline February 26, 2017.
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Nursing, Health, Disability Research

- Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Advanced Nursing Education Workforce (ANEW) Program, supports innovative academic-practice partnerships to prepare primary care advanced practice registered nursing students to practice in rural and underserved settings through academic and clinical training, deadline January 25, 2017.
- Macy Foundation, 2017 Faculty Scholars Program, ($200,000 over 2 years), a program designed to nurture the careers of promising educational innovators in medicine and nursing; scholars are expected to implement new educational innovations at their home institutions and participate in career-development activities, deadline February 15, 2016.
- National League of Nursing, NLN Nursing Education Research Grants, ($25,000), to support high-quality studies that contribute to the development of the science of nursing education, promote the diversity of research topics, and encourage investigators who demonstrate rigor and innovative approaches to advance the field of nursing education research, deadline February 9, 2017.

Social Justice

- Russell Sage Foundation, Social Inequality Research, (up to $150,000 over 2 years), supports research on the social, economic, political, and labor market consequences of rising economic inequalities in the US, deadline January 9, 2017 (letter of inquiry) and March 13, 2017 (invited proposal).

Social Sciences

- Harvard University, W.E.B. Du Bois Research Institute, Fellows Program, for scholars to conduct individual research for 1-2 semesters in a wide variety of fields related to African and African American Studies, deadline January 23, 2017.
- Midwest Sociological Society, Research Grants, (up to $2,500), supports high-impact research proposals: early stage, near completion, or as leverage for additional funding, deadline February 15, 2017.
- Midwest Sociological Society, Contingent Faculty Travel Award, (2 nights hotel stay at annual MSS conference), supports MSS faculty members who teach in part-time, adjunct positions, deadline February 15, 2017.
- Russell Sage Foundation, Computational Social Science Projects, (up to $150,000), for innovative social science research that brings new data and methods to bear on questions of interest in the foundation’s core programs in Behavioral Economics; the Future of Work; Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration, and Social Inequality, deadline November 30 (letters of inquiry) and February 27, 2017 (invited proposals).

STEM, Environment

For your STEM 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, 2017.
#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.

- American Chemical Society, Innovative Projects Grant Program, ($3,000), for innovative projects aimed at strengthening the functioning of the local ACS section, deadline January 31, 2017.
- National Science Foundation, Division of Environmental Biology (DEB), ($5,000 - $5,000,000), supports fundamental research on populations, species, communities, and ecosystems, with a scientific emphasis ranging across many evolutionary and ecological patterns and processes at all spatial and temporal scales; areas of research include biodiversity, phylogenetic systematics, molecular evolution, life history evolution, natural selection, ecology, biogeography, ecosystem structure, function and services, conservation biology, global change, and biogeochemical cycles, deadline August 2, 2017.
- National Science Foundation, Long Term Research in Environmental Biology, ($450,000 - $5,000,000), supports the generation of extended time series of data to address important questions in evolutionary biology, ecology, and ecosystem science, deadline August 2, 2017.
- National Science Foundation, Smart and Connected Communities (S&CC), ($18.5 million for 18 to 29 awards), to support strongly interdisciplinary, integrative research and research capacity-building activities that will improve understanding of smart and connected communities and lead to discoveries that enable sustainable change to enhance community functioning, deadlines November 30, 2016 (preliminary proposal) and February 16, 2017 (full proposal).
**STEM, Environment (continued)**

- Ohio EPA Ohio Environmental Education Fund (OEEF) mini grants ($500-$5,000) and general grants ($5,000-$50,000) for education projects targeting pre-school through university students and teachers, the general public and the regulated community, deadlines January 9, 2017 (letter of intent) and January 17, 2017 (grant application).

**Student Success**

- Lumina Foundation for Education, **Grants**, ($50,000 - $250,000 for one to three years), welcomes LOIs for work that fits within its mission and guidelines; mission focuses on student access and success in higher education, emphasizing attainment, defined as completing associate and baccalaureate degrees and credentials, deadline

**Veterans**

- Paralyzed Veterans of America, **Innovative Educational Projects Grant**, ($50,000 – 1-year projects; $15,000 – conferences), awards grants in five categories: consumer, caregiver, and community education; professional development and education; research utilization and dissemination; assistive technology; and conferences and symposia. Projects seeking funding should be designed to improve the quality of life for individuals with SCI/D, educate consumers about the consequences of and complications associated with SCI/D, improve the knowledge and skills of SCI/D healthcare professionals, and/or prevent the occurrence and complications of new SCI/D, deadline February 1.
- US Department of Education, TRIO, **Veterans Upward Bound**, ($1,250,000), to motivate and assist veterans in the development of academic and other requisite skills necessary for acceptance and success in a program of postsecondary education. The program provides assessment and enhancement of basic skills through counseling, mentoring, tutoring and academic instruction in the core subject areas. The primary goal of the program is to increase the rate at which participants enroll in and complete postsecondary education programs, deadline 2017 tba (@ August 2017), webinars throughout January/February 2017.

**Well-being**

- American College Health Foundation (ACHA), **Health Campus 2020 Funding Opportunity**, ($3,000), to support campus initiatives that foster positive outcomes for the ACHA Health Campus 2020 program, deadline February 3, 2017.
- American College Health Foundation, **FirstRisk Advisors Initiative in College Behavioral/Mental Health Award**, ($3,500), for the development of creative initiatives that address prevention, early intervention, and treatment for mental and behavioral health disorders among college students, deadline February 3, 2017.
- PeopleForBikes, **Community Bike Program**, ($10,000), in support of projects that leverage federal funding and help build momentum for cycling in communities. Projects eligible for support include bike paths, rail trails, and mountain bike trails; BMX facilities; end-of-trip facilities such as bike racks, bike parking, bike repair stations, and bike storage; and some advocacy initiatives, deadline January 20, 2017 (letter of interest).