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## ***US DOE Title III Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP) Grant***

Thank you to all faculty and staff who submitted proposal ideas for the US DOE SIP Grant to improve the academic quality, institutional management, and/or fiscal stability of Kent State University at Stark. Thank you also to all the members of the Kent State Stark community who provided input on the proposal ideas through the SIP survey. Based on your input and many discussions, the projects that were ultimately selected to include in the SIP grant application are:

- Analytics Capability
- Flashes Forward Mentor Program
- Growing Kent State Stark's Endowment
- High Impact Practices: Curricular Integration and Faculty Development (First Year Experience Component)
- Strengthening Recruitment, Retention, and Analytics: Identifying your Champions
- Recruitment and Retention of New Populations

The next step will involve developing a strong proposal with the input of many Kent State Stark faculty and staff.

## ***UTC Summer Teaching Development Grant***

2019 Applications for the University Teaching Council's Summer Teaching Development Grant (STDG) are now being accepted through February 1, 2019. The purpose of the STDG program is to enhance student learning by engaging faculty to improve teaching methods, develop curricula, or create innovative course materials. All STDG grants must begin during Summer I. Faculty may submit an STDG proposal for a 5-week period (\$4,500) or a 10-week period (\$9,000). Additionally, collaborative proposals may split a \$9,000 award. Applicants are limited to one proposal. The grant is open to all full-time faculty members from any Kent campus. Adjunct/part-time faculty members may apply as co-applicants with a full-time faculty member. Last year's recipients are ineligible to apply this year. The online application and a pdf of the application can be found [here](#).

## Limited Submission Grants: NEA and NSF

### 1. National Endowment for the Arts: Art Works

The National Endowment for the Arts is accepting proposals across 15 artistic disciplines for the Art Works Award\*. Grants generally will range from \$10,000 to \$100,000. No grants will be made below \$10,000. Applications are being accepted in the following disciplines: *Artist Communities, Arts Education, Dance, Design, Folk & Traditional Arts, Literature, Local Arts Agencies, Media Arts, Museums, Music, Musical Theatre, Opera, Presenting & Multidisciplinary Works, Theater, Visual Arts*. Information on the program and the application guidelines may be found at: <https://www.arts.gov/grants-organizations/art-works/grant-program-description>

NEA allows only one application per institution per year for the Art Works Award, regardless of the deadline under which you submit, with one exception: Any organization may submit more than one Art Works application in the MEDIA ARTS discipline for the July 2019 deadline only.

Due to the limitations set by NEA, Sponsored Programs is requiring submission of an internal Letter of Interest (LOI) by **January 8, 2019** for anyone interested in submitting to the NEA Art Works 2019 program. Letters of Interest are to be submitted using the [Limited Submission Docusign Form](#). The LOI is to include: a completed Limited Submission Cover Page, a 2-3 page Project Narrative (description of the project with a statement on cost sharing sources), and an abbreviated CV or biosketch for the PI. If Sponsored Programs receives more than one letter of interest, an internal review will be conducted. Additional information on the internal Limited Submission process is available at: <https://www.kent.edu/sponsored-programs/limited-submission-funding-opportunities>

#### **\*Application Due Dates vary by discipline:**

The application due date for the following disciplines are on February 14, 2019 : *Artist Communities, Design, Literature: Literary Publishing Projects, Media Arts (eligible Media Arts activities for this deadline include exhibition, presentation, distribution, and preservation activities)*

Applications for the following disciplines will be accepted on February 14, 2019 or July 11, 2019: *Arts Education, Dance, Folk & Traditional Arts, Local Arts Agencies, Media Arts, Museums, Music, Musical Theater, Opera, Presenting & Multidisciplinary Works, Theater, Visual Arts*.

Applications will be accepted for the following discipline on July 11, 2019 : *Literature: Audience & Professional Development Project; Media Arts (eligible Media Arts activities for this deadline include creation, education, and resources for artistic and professional development)*.

### 2. National Science Foundation: Materials Innovation Platform (MIP)

The National Science Foundation is accepting proposals for the second Materials Innovation Platform (MIP) competition. This competition focuses on advancing convergence of materials research with biological sciences for developing new materials. New ways of synthesis/processing of complex materials with novel functionalities are of high priority. In addition, MIPs are expected to make full use of opportunities provided by engaging the emerging field of data science. A successful MIP must be transformational, focus on a grand challenge or challenges of fundamental research, and takes a transdisciplinary approach that utilizes expertise in multiple areas (e.g. materials science, physics, chemistry, engineering, biology, mathematics and computer science). Proposed projects must be directed by a team of at least three Senior Personnel with complementary expertise.

The MIP program will support acquisition and development of instruments, software and databases; service contracts on purchased equipment; professional staffing including support for the principal investigators, other senior personnel and technicians; and a limited number of students and postdoctoral researchers. Five year awards totaling \$15,000,000 to \$25,000,000 for the award period are anticipated.

**2. National Science Foundation: Materials Innovation Platform (MIP) (continued)**

Full proposals are due February 4, 2019. Information on the program and the application guidelines may be found at: [https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm\\_summ.jsp?pims\\_id=505133](https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=505133)

NSF allows only one application per organization as the lead institution. Due to the limitations set by NSF, Sponsored Programs is requiring submission of an internal Letter of Interest (LOI) by **January 7, 2019** for anyone interested in submitting to the NSF Materials Innovation Platforms (MPI) program. Letters of Interest are to be submitted using the [Limited Submission Docusign Form](#). The LOI is to include: a completed Limited Submission Cover Page, a 2-3 page Project Narrative (description of the project), and an abbreviated CV or biosketch for the PI. If Sponsored Programs receives more than one letter of interest, an internal review will be conducted. Additional information on the internal Limited Submission process is available at:

<https://www.kent.edu/sponsored-programs/limited-submission-funding-opportunities>

Contact Diana Skok with any questions you may have regarding either the NEA or the NSF Limited Submission opportunity: 330-672-0700, [dskok@kent.edu](mailto:dskok@kent.edu).

**Kent State Stark Grant Activity Update**

Table 1 displays grant submissions by quarter and outcomes and award rates for the corresponding quarterly grant submissions. Through the first half of fiscal year (FY) 2019, 22 grants valued at \$469,859 have been submitted, and 14 have been awarded, valued at \$273,079 and the remaining 3 are pending. To date, Kent State Stark’s grant award rate (#) is 74% and grant award rate (\$) is 85%.

Table 1

Kent State University at Stark												
Grant Activity by Quarter by Submission Date												
December 21, 2018												
	Number of Submissions		Dollar Value of Submissions		Number of Notifications			Dollar Value of Notifications			Award Rate	
	Submitted	Not Submitted	Submitted	Not Submitted	Awarded	Denied	Pending	Awarded	Denied	Pending	Number	Dollar
<b>Fiscal Year 2018</b>												
Quarter 1	12	0	\$790,927	\$0	8	4	0	\$278,728	\$511,949		66.7%	35.3%
Quarter 2	26	0	\$590,322	\$0	11	15	0	\$50,151	\$530,833		42.3%	8.6%
Quarter 3	14	0	\$66,250	\$0	11	3	0	\$26,390	\$14,500		78.6%	64.5%
Quarter 4	11	0	\$160,148	\$0	10	1	0	\$106,828	\$45,000		90.9%	70.4%
<b>FY2018 Total</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$1,607,646</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$462,097</b>	<b>\$1,102,282</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>63.5%</b>	<b>29.5%</b>
<b>Fiscal Year 2019</b>												
Quarter 1 *	7	0	\$322,147	\$0	5	0	2	\$206,787	\$0	\$115,360	100.0%	100.0%
Quarter 2 *	15	0	\$147,712	\$0	9	5	1	\$66,292	\$50,000	\$31,420	64.3%	57.0%
Quarter 3 *	0	0		\$0	0	0	0				#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Quarter 4 *	0	0		\$0	0	0	0				#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
<b>FY2019 Total *</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$469,859</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$273,079</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$146,780</b>	<b>73.7%</b>	<b>84.5%</b>
* incomplete data												

**Grant Awards**

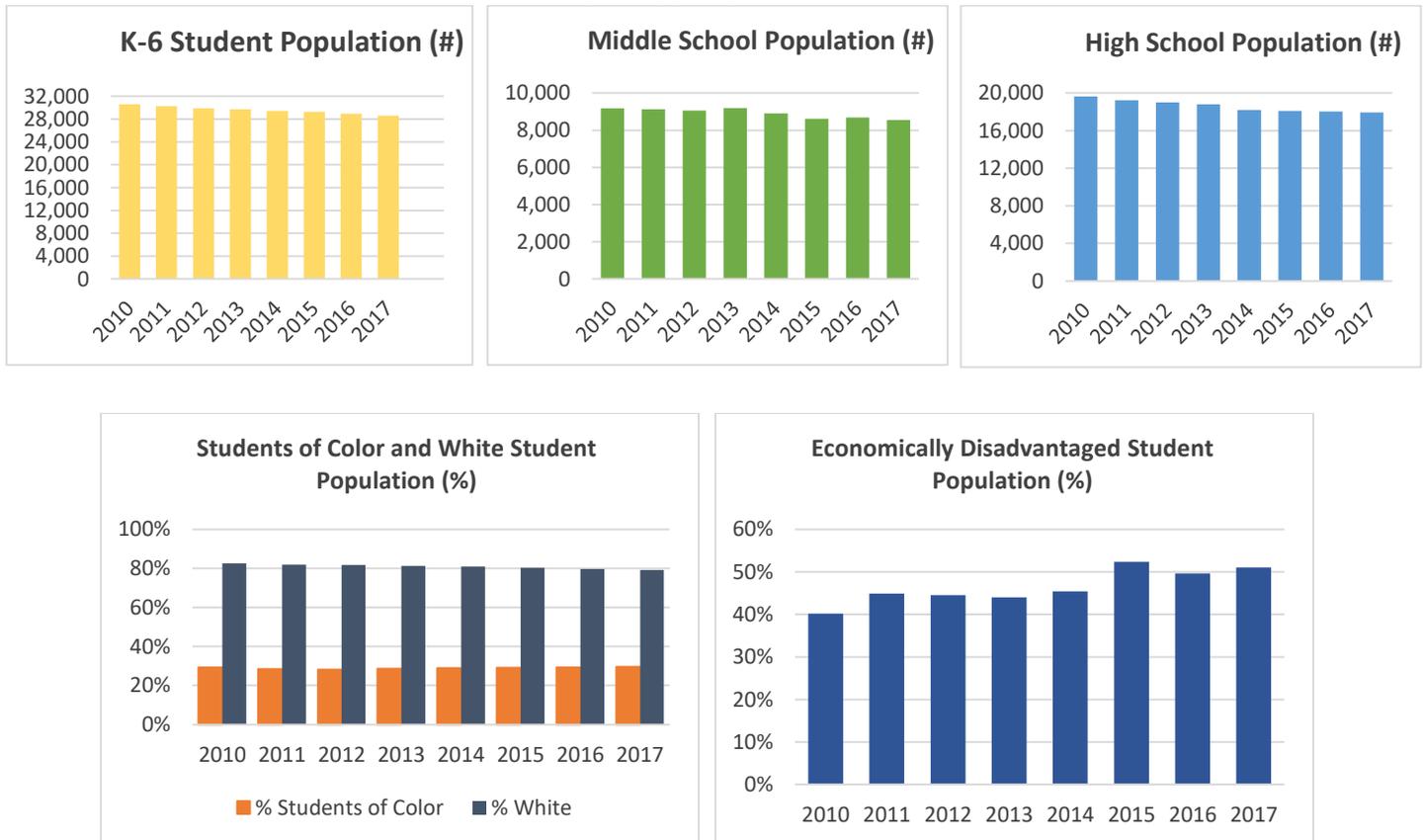
The following Kent State Stark faculty member was recently notified of this grant award:

- **A. Myers, M.F.A.**, Kent State University, University Research Council, Summer Research/Creative Activity Appointment, “weiche Wände (soft walls): Textile Site Specific Installations,” \$10,000.

**Stark County Aggregate School Districts: Demographic Highlights**

- **Moderately declining overall student population trend**
  - Total student population decreased 7% from 60,626 in 2010 to 56,229 in 2017
  - K-6 student population declined 6% from 30,579 in 2010 to 28,635 in 2017
  - Middle School population decreased 7% from 9,180 in 2010 to 8,551 in 2017
  - High School population fell 9% from 19,630 in 2010 to 17,948 in 2017
- **White student population declined, and is 79% of the total student population**
  - White student population declined 11% from 50,015 in 2010 to 44,547 in 2017
  - The population of students of color increased 10% from 10,507 in 2010 to 11,600 in 2017
    - The Latino student population more than doubled from 777 in 2010 to 1,660 in 2017
    - The Asian, black, and Native American student population fell 3%, 8%, and 23%, respectively
    - The multiracial student population grew 22% from 3,197 in 2010 to 3,888 in 2017
- **Increase in the economically disadvantaged student population**
  - Economically disadvantaged student population increased 18% from 24,369 in 2010 to 28,713 in 2017 and is 51%
- **Decline in the disabled student population**
  - The number of students with a disability decreased 13% from 8,462 in 2010 to 7,351 in 2017

**Stark County – Aggregate School Districts**



Source: Ohio Department of Education, Fall Enrollment (Headcount) – October 2010 - October 2017 Public Districts and Buildings, FY 2011 to FY 2018. Retrieved from <https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Data/Frequently-Requested-Data/Enrollment-Data>. Aggregations by T. Ford.

## 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](mailto: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 Music Abroad, [International Exchange Program](#), (lodging, per diem, and stipend), for ensembles to conduct regional cultural exchange tours, approximately 3 weeks, in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Central and South America, and the Middle East, deadline January 20, 2019.
- Artfully Reimagined, [Reimaginelt Grant](#), (\$100 - \$500), to individual artists to help launch or support careers in repurposed art, no deadline.
- Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, [2019-20 Artist Residency Program](#), (\$600 monthly stipend that includes a housing/materials allowance), 3-12 month residency for craft artists working in wood, metal, fiber, glass, clay, and mixed media, deadline March 12, 2019.
- National Endowment for the Arts, ART WORKS: Artist Communities, Arts Education, Dance, Design, Folk & Traditional Arts, Literature, Local Arts Agencies, Media Arts, Museums, Music, Musical Theater, Opera, Presenting & Multidisciplinary Works, Theater, Visual Arts, (\$10,000 - \$100,000), for project-based funding to support public engagement with, and access to, various forms of excellent art across the nation, the creation of art that meets the highest standards of excellence, learning in the arts at all stages of life, and the integration of the arts into the community, deadlines February 14, 2019 for SF-424 Form and February 20-26, 2019 for remaining Application Materials. (See page 2 of this newsletter, internal deadline of January 8, 2019.)
- Ohio Humanities Council, [Monthly Grants](#) (\$2,000), deadline 1<sup>st</sup> business day of month; [Media Planning Grants](#), (\$2,000), deadline 1<sup>st</sup> business day of month; [Cultural Heritage Tourism Planning Grant](#), (\$2,000) deadline 1<sup>st</sup> business day of month; [General Grants Program: Quarterly Grants](#) (\$5,000); and [Major Grants](#) (up to \$20,000).
- University of Michigan, Stamps School of Art and Design, [Roman J. Witt Residency Program](#), (\$20,000 honorarium, housing, studio space, up to \$4,000 for project materials) supports the production of a new artistic work by a visiting artist/designer through a one-year residency that allows the artist to work at the school and collaborate with students and faculty, deadline January 31, 2019.

### Food

- Clif Bar Family Foundation, [Small Grants](#), (up to \$7,000) funding priorities: protect earth's beauty and bounty; create a robust, healthy food system; increase opportunities for outdoor activity; reduce environmental health hazards; and build stronger communities; deadlines February 1, 2019, June 1, 2019, and October 1, 2019.

### Individuals with Disabilities

- Kessler Foundation, [Signature Employment Grants](#), (up to \$500,000 over two years), supports pilot projects that lead to the generation of new ideas that help solve the high unemployment and underemployment of individuals with disabilities, deadline February 22, 2019 (concept applications).

### Learning Centers (furniture)

- Steelcase Education, [Active Learning Center Grants](#), for classrooms – includes furniture, design review, installation, onsite training, and a learning environment evaluation measurement tool, deadline February 1, 2019.

### Nursing

- 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 4, 2019.
- PhRMA Foundation, [Health Outcomes Program](#), (up to \$100,000), to assist individuals in schools of medicine, pharmacy, public health, nursing, and dentistry beginning an independent research career in health outcomes at the faculty level, deadline February 1, 2019.

**Reading**

- Arts Midwest with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts, [Big Read](#), (\$5,000 - \$15,000), supports efforts to inspire communities to read and discuss a single book or the work of a poet (from the Big Read Library), deadline January 24, 2019.
- International Literacy Association, [International Professional Development Award](#), (\$4,000), to assist an ILA member in the investigation of reading-related problems and to encourage international professional development activities that are carried out in countries outside of North America, deadline March 15, 2019.

**Social Sciences**

- 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 see the September 2018 *Grants Newsletter* for a listing of travel and research grants.

**STEM, Environment**

- Clif Bar Family Foundation, [Small Grants](#), (up to \$7,000) funding priorities: protect earth's beauty and bounty; create a robust, healthy food system; increase opportunities for outdoor activity; reduce environmental health hazards; and build stronger communities; deadlines February 1, 2019, June 1, 2019, and October 1, 2019.
- National Science Foundation, [Major Research Instrumentation](#) (MRI) Program, Track 1 (\$100,000 to \$1,000,000) and Track 2 (\$1,000,000 to \$4,000,000), to increase access to multi-user scientific and engineering instrumentation for research and research training, deadline January 22, 2019. (Limited submission)
- Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, [Ohio Environmental Education Fund](#) (OEEF) General Grant (up to \$50,000) and Mini Grant (up to \$5,000) to enhance Ohio citizen's awareness and understanding of environmental issues, deadline January 8, 2019 for letter of intent and January 15, 2019 for application.
- 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.

**Students**

- National Institutes of Standards and Technology (NIST), [Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship \(SURF\)](#), 11-week research experience for undergraduate STEM majors in one of 6 NIST facilities: Communications Technology Laboratory (CTL), Engineering Laboratory (EL), Information Technology Laboratory (ITL), Material Measurement Laboratory (MML), NIST Center for Neutron Research (NCNR), and Physical Measurement Laboratory (PML), deadline February 3, 2019 (information webinar January 10, 2019 – must register).
- Point Foundation, [LGBTQ Scholarships](#), supports LGBTQ students enrolled in undergraduate/graduate programs for the 2019-20 academic year, deadline January 28, 2019.
- Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), [Emergency Financial Assistance](#), for military service members who have been deployed in the last six years and have run into unexpected financial difficulties as a result of deployment or other military-related activity, deadline open.

**Wellness**

- American College Health Foundation, [College Well-Being Award](#), (\$3,500), to create or improve underlying campus infrastructure (e.g. networks, resources, tools, structures) in a manner that raises the well-being of students as evidenced through creative programming and outcomes research initiatives, deadline February 1, 2019.