OSP WORKSHOP: NSF FRAMEWORK FOR IMPROVING STEM EDUCATION—FEBRUARY 16, 2016

Location: MLK Library, Room 255/257 | Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. | RSVP by February 9

The National Science Foundation (NSF) includes in its goal support for fundamental science and engineering and is tasked with keeping the United States at the leading edge of discovery in a wide range of scientific areas, from astronomy to zoology. In addition to funding research in the traditional academic areas, the agency also supports “high risk, high pay off ideas, and novel collaborations.” During this informative workshop, Dr. Ferdinand Rivera, SJSU Chair of the Department of Teacher Education and Professor of Mathematics Statistics and (part time) NSF Program Director, will provide an overview of the NSF Education Directorate’s strategic goals and framework that are designed to advance science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and nurture innovation.

RSVP to Information Services at foundation-osp-infoservices@sjsu.edu.

NSF’S REVISED PAPPG – EFFECTIVE JANUARY 25, 2016

As noted in our December bulletin, NSF’s updated Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide (PAPPG) will go into effect January 25, 2016. Included in the revised PAPPG are updates in several areas, such as proposal submission, biosketch requirements, and public access regulations.

See the revised PAPPG (NSF 16-1) on the NSF website at: http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/policydocs/pappguide/nsf16001/.

NIH ANNOUNCES FY2016 SALARY CAP INCREASE

In a notice released in late December, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) detailed its new salary cap. Effective January 10, 2016, the cap, which was formerly $183,300, increased to $185,100. The salary cap referenced in the notice pertains to the direct salary an individual may receive under an NIH grant. According to notice NOT-OD-16-045, for purposes of the salary limitation, the terms “direct salary,” “salary,” and “institutional base salary” have the same meaning and are exclusive of fringe benefits and facilities and administrative (F&A) expenses, also referred to as indirect costs. An individual’s institutional base salary is the annual compensation that the applicant organization pays for an individual’s appointment. Since 1990, NIH has mandated limits on salaries that individuals may receive under NIH grant and cooperative agreement awards and extramural research and development contract awards. To view notice NOT-OD-16-045, as well as background on the salary cap and frequently asked questions, visit the NIH website.

For a summary of previous NIH salary caps, see Salary Cap Summary (FY 1990 - Present).

ARTPLACE AMERICA ANNOUNCES $10.5 MILLION CREATIVE PLACEMAKING COMPETITION

ArtPlace America is accepting applications for its $10.5 million National Creative Placemaking competition to fund community development projects that involve the arts. The competition will fund projects featuring collaborations between artists, arts organizations, and a community or neighborhood. These collaborations must address a community challenge related to agriculture/food; economic development; education/youth; environment/energy; health; public safety; transportation; or workforce development. Registration is required by February 16, 2016, in order to...
submit applications. **Applications are due March 2, 2016.** To read more visit the ArtPlace America website.

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**NEH and the Mellon Foundation Sponsors the Humanities Open Book Program**

Applicants from academic presses, scholarly societies, museums, and other institutions that publish books in the humanities are invited to participate in the Humanities Open Book Program. The program, jointly sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation is designed to make outstanding out-of-print humanities books available to a wide audience. Many scholarly books printed since 1923 are not in the public domain and are not easily available to the general public. E-book technology can provide access to these books, and will allow teachers, students, scholars, and the public to read humanities books that have long been out of print.

For projects beginning May 2017, **the application deadline is September 2016.**

For more information visit the NEH website at: [www.neh.gov/grants/odh/humanities-open-book-program](http://www.neh.gov/grants/odh/humanities-open-book-program).

**NEA Grant Application Guidelines and Webinars Available**

NEA has posted application guidelines for the Art Works and Challenge America categories of art projects anticipated to take place in 2017. Guidelines and application materials are in the Apply for a Grant section of the arts.gov website. As part of its 50th anniversary initiative, NEA is piloting a new funding opportunity—Creativity Connects.* The program supports partnerships between arts organizations and organizations from non-arts sectors. Sectors may include business, education, environment, faith, finance, food, health, law, science, and technology.


NEA has scheduled the following webinars covering the basics of the Art Works and Challenge America grant categories.

- **Art Works Guidelines Workshop** - January 20, 2016 12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.
- **Art Works: Creativity Connects Guidelines Workshop** - January 27, 2016 12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.
- **Challenge America Guidelines Workshop** - March 9, 2016 12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.

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Webinars will focus on how to apply to the NEA, how to select work samples, and how to prepare a strong application. Each webinar will allow time for questions and answers.

To register for the webinars, go to the webinar section of arts.gov.

**January-June Grant Application Deadlines Available on the SJSU Research Foundation Website**

The Grant Application Deadlines Report shows application deadlines for funding opportunities that have been identified as relevant to research interests at SJSU and sent through our Funding Alert System. This current report covers the six-month period beginning January 1 through June 30. Links to sponsors funding announcements are included. To view the report, visit the SJSU Research Foundation website.

**Fellowships and Scholarships**

Highlighted opportunities are listed below. Please also visit the SJSU Research Foundation Fellowships and Scholarships web page for additional student and faculty opportunities.

| Program: | Rice Quantum Institute Research Experience for Undergraduates |
| Agency: | Rice University |
| Deadline: | February 15, 2016 |

| Program: | Willis F. Thompson Memorial Scholarship |
| Agency: | American Society of Mechanical Engineers |
| Deadline: | March 1, 2016 |

| Program: | Culture and Arts Grants |
| Agency: | Mentor Graphics Foundation |
| Deadline: | February 29, 2016 |

| Program: | James Madison Fellowship |
| Agency: | James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation |
| Deadline: | March 1, 2016 |