MARCH 13 – OSP WORKSHOP – POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES FOR NEW OR EARLY CAREER FACULTY

Location: MLK Library, Room 255/257 | Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. | RSVP by March 7

Most know about NSF and NIH, but other sources of funding are available to support new or early career faculty who seek to advance in areas of research and scholarship. This workshop will focus on the various agencies that support the efforts of new or early career faculty engaged in research.

RSVP to Carmina Som at foundation-osp-infoservices@sjsu.edu.

THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS IS SEEKING PEER REVIEWERS

The Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) is seeking peer reviewers for the 2014 Preparation of Special Education, Early Intervention, and Related Services Leadership Personnel (CDFA # 84.325D) Program competition. The panel dates for reviewing applications are April 15 and 16. Reviewers must be available the entire day both days. The review will take place via teleconference using e-Reader—an electronic system. Applications will be sent electronically to reviewers 2-3 weeks before the panel dates.

The peer review process consists of attending an orientation, evaluating and scoring assigned applications consistent with established selection criteria, writing reviews of each application to support the scores, and discussing applications with other panelists. Seven to ten applications will be assigned to each panel. If interested, please send an email as soon as possible to Patricia Gonzalez (Patricia.Gonzalez@ed.gov). Individuals who have submitted an OSEP application or individuals who are listed as key personnel are not eligible to serve as reviewers.

REVIEWER OPPORTUNITIES AT NASA!

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) currently has opportunities available for individuals with “reputations for integrity and relevant expertise” who are interested in becoming reviewers. NASA is seeking to convene a panel that collectively covers the full range of scientific and technical expertise required for thorough proposal evaluation. This is an excellent opportunity for proposal writers and sponsored programs officers to see first-hand what makes a winning proposal; and to gain insights into the NASA proposal review process. To get started, visit the NSPIRES website and click on “Getting an Account” in the menu on the left panel. For more information on the peer review process within NASA, see Section 3.3 on the NASA Procedural Requirements page.

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**Energy Department Offers $3 Million to Support Geothermal and Critical Materials**

On February 14 the Energy Department announced $3 million for research and development to help grow U.S. low-to-moderate-temperature geothermal resources and support a domestic supply of critical materials, such as lithium carbonate and rare earth elements. By partnering with the geothermal and mineral industries, the Energy Department is working to expand the geographic diversity of clean, renewable geothermal energy beyond the traditional western region of the United States.

Rare earths and other critical materials are essential for a range of technologies, including electric vehicles and wind turbines, as well as personal electronics such as cell phones and laptops. The use of lithium batteries, for instance, has soared over the last decade, and industry expects annual global demand for lithium carbonate used to manufacture these batteries to exceed 250,000 tons by 2017—a 60% increase from today. As demand grows in this market, securing reliable domestic supplies of critical materials for advanced manufacturing remains a growing challenge. The Energy Department aims to advance cost-competitive geothermal energy while helping to meet this increasing demand.

The Energy Department will fund up to ten feasibility studies and/or applied research and development projects to advance technologies that could lower the cost of geothermal energy production while diversifying and stabilizing the supply of critical materials for domestic industries. To view the Energy Department news release visit the Energy.gov website.

Excerpts from EERE Network News 2/19/14.

**NIGMS Training, Workforce Development, and Diversity, Division Director Retires**

After nearly 20 years at the National Institute of General Medical Science (NIGMS), Clifton “Clif” Poodry, Ph.D., Director of the Division of Training, Workforce Development, and Diversity, retired earlier this month. Throughout his tenure at NIGMS, Dr. Poodry “championed—and in many cases—led activities to build the biomedical research workforce of the future. This included initiatives for training and mentoring students from groups that are underrepresented in biomedical and behavioral research and advising on NIH-wide programs, such as the newly announced Building Infrastructure Leading to Diversity program.” Although he has left federal service, Dr. Poodry is continuing to pursue his long-held interest in improving science education as a senior fellow at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

Material from NIGMS Feedback Loop 2/11/14.

**Fellowships and Scholarships**

The SJSU Research Foundation receives notifications of fellowship and scholarship opportunities for faculty and students. Highlights this month include:

- **Program:** Dwight David Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship Program  
  **Agency:** Department of Transportation  
  **Deadline:** March 10, 2014

- **Program:** Creative Writing Fellowships  
  **Agency:** National Endowment for the Arts  
  **Deadline:** March 12, 2014

- **Program:** Indian Health Service Scholarship Program  
  **Agency:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
  **Deadline:** March 28, 2014

- **Program:** HSS/NASA Fellowship in the History of Space Science  
  **Agency:** History of Science Society  
  **Deadline:** March 31, 2014

- **Program:** Research Grants (Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Scholars)  
  **Agency:** Truman (Harry S.) Library Institute for National and International Affairs  
  **Deadline:** April 1, 2014