November 13 – OSP Workshop Managing Your Externally-Funded Project

Location: MLK Library, Room 255/257 | Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. | RSVP by November 6

Now that a sponsor has funded your project you are ready to get started, but you suddenly realize you have questions about funds management and project administration. How do I manage my budget successfully? How do I recruit and hire staff for my project? What about compliance issues? Animal subjects or human subjects? Labor laws? How do I obtain travel approval? How do I purchase supplies for my project or pay my vendors? This informative workshop will cover essential elements of externally-funded project administration from beginning to end. Meet the knowledgeable SJSU Research Foundation administrators who will support you throughout the lifecycle of your project including members from Post-Award, Accounts Payable, and Human Resources.

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

NEH Summer Seminars and Institutes are Now US Only

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has announced a significant change to its Summer Seminars and Institutes program, which will no longer support projects which take place outside of the United States. According to Inside Higher Ed NEH has cited budget concerns as the main reason behind the change; however Inside Higher Ed also mentions the Congressional pressure and attention the program has received. The Summer Seminars and Institutes program continues to fund projects taking place in the United States.

NEH encourages applicants to send optional preliminary proposals by December 15, 2014. The agency offers feedback on draft or partial proposals submitted by January 24, 2015. Full applications are due February 24, 2015.

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New and Updated Resource on STEM Education and the US Workforce

On October 28 the National Science Board’s (NSB) announced the release of an interactive, online resource featuring new and updated data and graphics about STEM education and workforce in the U.S. The updated tool is intended to make it easier for educators, students, parents, policymakers and business leaders to learn more about national trends in education and jobs in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

The resource includes 60 central questions and answers is organized by education level and the workforce and provides facts on topics such as student proficiency, college degrees in STEM fields, and jobs in science-related occupations. Users can view and download the latest data and graphics and share the information through email and social media.
“The STEM fields are critical to the nation’s economic future,” said Kelvin Droegemeier, vice chairman of NSB, the governing body of the National Science Foundation (NSF) and advisor to the president and Congress. “Our ability to innovate and compete depends on how well we do in science and technology. The National Science Board developed this one-stop answer center to provide a reliable resource on STEM education and careers.”

To read the full article visit the NSF website.

ENERGY DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES $15 MILLION TO INTEGRATE AFFORDABLE SOLAR ENERGY INTO NATION’S ELECTRICAL GRID

The Energy Department has announced $15 million in available funding to help integrate distributed, on-site solar energy systems into the nation’s electrical grid. To further drive widespread deployment of safe, reliable, and cost-effective solar energy for all Americans, this funding is specifically aimed at supporting projects that enable low-cost, flexible and reliable solutions that successfully integrate solar PV power plants and energy storage. The funding opportunity will take on the challenge of creating cost-effective and reliable distributed PV and energy storage solutions to help overcome the challenges associated with increased amounts of renewables. Eligible projects include solutions that will help revolutionize distributed PV and energy storage through:

- Advanced operation in conjunction with smart loads and demand response,
- Incorporation of solar and load forecasting,
- Innovative uses of smart components and functionalities, and
- Easily interoperable hardware, software and firmware technologies.

To read the more, visit Energy.gov

FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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

Program: NAEd/Spencer Postdoctoral Fellowship Program  
Agency: National Academy of Education  
Deadline: November 7, 2014

Program: NASA Space Technology Research Fellowships  
Agency: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)  
Deadline: November 15, 2014

Program: Charlotte W. Newcombe Dissertation Fellowships  
Agency: Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation  
Deadline: November 15, 2014

Program: Visiting Scholar Fellowships on the Holocaust and Genocide  
Agency: U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum  
Deadline: November 30, 2014

Program: History of Art: Institutional Fellowships  
Agency: Kress Foundation  
Deadline: November 30, 2014

Program: Resident Fellowship Program  
Agency: Virginia Foundation for the Humanities  
Deadline: December 1, 2014

Program: 2015 Smithsonian Institution Fellowship Program  
Agency: Parkinson’s Disease Foundation  
Deadline: December 1, 2014