Welcome and So Much More...

I’ve just completed my first semester at King’s College as Director of Academic Grants. It has been a busy time both learning the culture and mechanics of a busy college campus and finding ways to put my grant management experience to work for you, members of the King’s Faculty.

During this time, I’ve had the opportunity to begin building relationships with some of King’s key leadership, professors who have interesting new ideas for research and support staff who point me in the right direction when I need assistance.

My heartfelt thanks for welcoming me into an environment that is constantly moving forward, where people are willing to help at every turn and where you believe we can succeed if we work truly together.

I invite you all to call or stop by to personally share your interests and see what opportunities we can pursue to help King’s College continue to fulfill its mission of academic excellence!

All the best for 2010!

The Start of Something Big!

This publication marks the inaugural edition of the King’s College Journal of Academic Grants. Our goal is to provide King’s faculty members with a source of helpful information regarding upcoming grant opportunities, encourage your participation in research projects and share exciting news of projects submitted or funded throughout the college community.

Each issue will be brief and sent by email but each will lead you to valuable resources to pursue research/project interests relative to your work at King’s. The Academic Grants Office is ready to assist with proposal writing and editing, budget preparation, submission and followup. Contact Karen Baker at karenbaker@kings.edu or telephone 208-5900, ext. 5798 to share your thoughts and ideas.

Community of Science (COS) Now Available

New Database will Help Identify Funding Opportunities

The Community of Science (COS) database is now available for everyone at King’s College. COS is the leading global resource for hard-to-find information critical to scientific research and other projects across all disciplines.

From any King’s computer, you are now able to customize your search for opportunities using your own keywords, areas of interest and funding needs. Whether you’re looking for psychology or accounting; research or curriculum development; $5,000 or $500,000, the COS searchable database will lead you to possible sources.

COS Funding Opportunities is the largest, most comprehensive database of available funding.

You’ll find:
- More than 25,000 records representing over $33 billion in funding.
- Sponsors include private foundations, public agencies, national and local governments, corporations and more.
- Monies available for work in all disciplines physical sciences, social sciences, life sciences, health & medicine, arts & humanities.
- Funding for many purposes, such as research, collaborations, travel, curriculum development, conferences, fellowships, postdoctoral positions, equipment acquisitions, capital or operating expenses. (continued)
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- Updated daily, all information verified with sponsor, edited for consistency and optimized for accurate searching.

Each COS Funding Opportunities record includes key information like Title, Abstract, Amount, Sponsor, Contact Information, Deadline, and Eligibility Requirements.

Best of all, COS features easy, intuitive searching with options for users of all levels:

- Free-Text Simple Search
- Detailed Advanced Search
- Guided Search Wizard
- Search by Sponsor, by keyword or by Geography
- Results sortable by relevancy, amount, deadline and more
- Save up to 40 searches to run again later
- Track updates on up to 200 individual records

We encourage you to try out this new service today!

Here’s how to get started:

1) Go to www.COS.com and click on COS funding opportunities on the upper menu bar.

2) Once you have identified a possible project funding source, contact Karen Baker in the Academic Grants Office to review the opportunity and begin the application process!

Academic Grants Website Premiere

The news doesn’t stop with COS! Over the past few months, the Academic Grants Office has been working with IITS to develop an information-packed website dedicated to faculty research and projects.

Accessible from the King’s College Homepage under Faculty Resources, the website will provide new funding opportunity announcements, guidelines on grant writing and links to helpful websites providing background and demographic information for use in preparing grant applications.

Check it out! Your suggestions for improving to better meet your needs and interests are always welcome!

Academic Grant Funding News

This is where you’ll find out about Academic Grant applications that have been recently submitted and their current funding status.

Jeramia Ory, Ph.D. of King’s Biology Department, in collaboration with Dr. Erin McClelland and The Commonwealth Medical College has submitted an application to the National Institute of Health to study Cryptococcus neoformans. C. neoformans is a fungus that causes a life-threatening disease in patients with compromised immune systems, such as HIV/AIDS patients. Most drugs used to treat C. neoformans are toxic to patients, cannot fully eliminate the fungus from the body and drug resistant strains are emerging. This research proposal will use clinical isolates of C. neoformans and associated patient data to identify factors that could eventually lead to the development of new treatments for C. neoformans infections. Funding request - $300,000/3 years.

New Announcements

The following funding opportunities may be of interest to you and your colleagues. Call Karen Baker for details and follow-up.

- National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) Career Opportunities in Research (COR) Honors Undergraduate Research Training Grant (T34). Due May 12, 2010. The specific objectives are to: (a) increase the number of well-prepared undergraduate students from diverse backgrounds who complete a research training program leading to a research doctorate (Ph.D., M.D./Ph.D. or equivalent) in biomedical, neuroscience, behavioral, or clinical sciences relevant to mental health research; and (b) develop and strengthen the undergraduate research training curricula with relevance to mental health.

- Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA)(R15). Due February 25, June 25 or October 25, 2010. The purpose of the Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA) program is to stimulate research in educational institutions that provide baccalaureate or advanced degrees for a significant number of the Nation's research scientists, but that have not been major recipients of NIH support. These AREA grants create opportunities for scientists and institutions otherwise unlikely to participate extensively in NIH programs, to contribute to the Nation's biomedical and behavioral research effort. AREA grants are intended to support small-scale health-related research projects proposed by faculty members of eligible, domestic institutions.

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