Welcome, New Faculty!

The King’s campus is a-buzz with activity! The rooms have been cleaned, construction completed, lesson plans updated and the students have moved in! Among the many activities taking place over the past few days is the number of new faculty finding their own way around campus and setting up their new offices.

Welcome to King’s! As a relative newcomer to King’s myself, I can tell you that you will not find a more welcoming environment - students, faculty and staff go out of their way to smile, hold the door and assist in any way possible.

In the spirit of welcome, I would like to get to know each of our new faculty members better and hear about your areas of research and interest. By understanding your background, I can then keep an eye open for funding opportunities to help further your scholarly interests with grants. After you get settled, give me a call and I can show you some of the resources available to King’s faculty and get you started.

In the meantime, if I can be of any assistance or answer any questions, please don’t hesitate to call or email. Wishing you a fantastic Fall Semester!

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Summer Stipend Opportunity: Nomination Deadline Approaching

Looking for additional funding to support individual research next summer? Get started now with an application to the National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend Program!

Summer Stipends support individuals pursuing advanced research that is of value to humanities scholars, general audiences, or both. The program provides $6,000 for two consecutive months of full-time research and writing. Recipients must work full time on their projects for these two months but may hold other research grants supporting the same project during this time. Recipients usually produce articles, monographs, books, digital materials, archaeological site reports, translations, editions, or other scholarly resources. Summer Stipends support projects at any stage of development.

The Summer Stipends program welcomes projects that respond to NEH’s Bridging Cultures initiative. Such projects could focus on cultures internationally or within the United States. International projects might seek to enlarge Americans’ understanding of other places and times, as well as other perspectives and intellectual traditions. American projects might explore the great variety of cultural influences on, and myriad subcultures within, American society. These projects might also investigate how Americans have approached and attempted to surmount seemingly unbridgeable cultural divides, or examine the ideals of civility and civic discourse that have informed this quest.

Faculty members teaching full time must be nominated by their institutions to apply for a Summer Stipend. Any full-time faculty member is eligible for nomination. King’s College may nominate two faculty members. Currently, we have one nomination in place and are seeking proposals from full-time faculty to fill the second nomination.

To be considered for nomination, faculty members should send a one-page description of their proposed research, a brief description of prior related research and a letter of support from their department chair by email to Karen Baker, Director of Academic Grants (karenbaker@kings.edu) by September 2, 2011. Candidate proposals will be reviewed and one selected for nomination by Dr. Nicholas Holodick, VP for Academic Affairs, Dr. Joseph Evan, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Karen Baker.

Once nominated, Karen will work with you to prepare your submission to the NEH in time for the September 29, 2011 application deadline.
Grant Opportunities/Upcoming Deadlines

NEH: Enduring Questions
The NEH Enduring Questions grant program supports the development of a new course that will foster intellectual community through the study of an enduring question. This course will encourage undergraduates and teachers to grapple with a fundamental question addressed by the humanities, and to join together in a deep and sustained program of reading in order to encounter influential thinkers over the centuries and into the present day. DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2011.

NSF: Education and Interdisciplinary Research
The program supports activities that seek to improve the education and training of physics students (both undergraduate and graduate), such as curriculum development or physics education research directed towards upper-level or graduate physics courses, and activities that are not included in specific programs elsewhere within NSF. The program supports research at the interface between physics and other disciplines and extending to emerging areas. Broadening activities related to research at the interface with other fields, possibly not normally associated with physics, also may be considered. DEADLINE: OCTOBER 26, 2011

NSF: Research in Undergraduate Institutions (RUI)
The RUI activity supports research by faculty members of predominantly undergraduate institutions through the funding of (1) individual and collaborative research projects and/or (2) the purchase of shared-use research instrumentation. All NSF directorates participate in the RUI activity. NO DEADLINE - PROPOSALS ACCEPTED ANYTIME

COS Launches New PIVOT Program
The Community of Science (COS) has just launched its next generation of service called Pivot. Pivot brings the COS Funding Opportunities and the COS profile databases (Scholar Universe and COS Expertise) together, providing integration between the two. COS Pivot is now available at no extra charge to King’s through December. Current COS products will be retired in the near future, so we encourage you to get started using Pivot right away! Stay tuned for information regarding new training modules and workshops for faculty. For those who use COS regularly, here is a link to the preliminary training module - PIVOT.

New Applications Submitted for Funding
Joseph Evan, Ph.D. has submitted an application to the National Science Foundation: Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (S-STEM) program. The proposed project titled the Monarch Math Scholars Program will provide 12 to 20 four-year $10,000 scholarships to two cohorts of academically-talented students who demonstrate financial need as well as an interest in and aptitude for mathematics. Dr. Evan collaborated with Dan Ghezzi, Jim Anderson, Donna Cerza, Jamie Guilford, and Brother George Schmitz, to develop the multi-faceted scholarship program. Funding request - $538,683.

Beth Admiraal, Ph.D. and Renata Lewandowska Evan have collaboratively submitted an application to the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association to support (Re)Discovering Our Slavic Heritage, a project that will allow students to discover or reclaim their Slavic heritage, understand the relationship between ethnicity and religion in Central-Eastern Europe, and recognize the significance of Catholicism for the development of their own community in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Funds will support a study-abroad program to Slovakia, the Czech Republic, and Poland in Summer 2012, the development of a Slavic Cultures course in the Core curriculum, and a series of community-wide events about the unique Catholic traditions and history in the Slavic cultures. Funding request - $18,800.

Exciting Projects on the Horizon
Several members of the King’s faculty are currently exploring or preparing applications for a wide range of grant opportunities. If you’d like to explore potential opportunities in your field of study, please call Karen Baker, Director of Academic Grants at Ext. 5798 to get started! Among the exciting projects, on which your colleagues are working:

- NSF: Transforming Undergraduate Education in Science
- U.S. Dept. of Education Fulbright Hayes Group Project Awards
- NEH Summer Stipend Program
- U.S. Dept. of Education Business and International Education Program
- Office of Naval Research: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics for K-12 and Institutions of Higher Learning
- NSF: Research Experiences for Undergraduate Students Site Program

For more information, contact: Karen Baker, Director, Academic Grants (570) 208-5900, Ext. 5798 / E-mail: karenbaker@kings.edu