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NSF Launches a New Newsletter

The first issue of the *National Science Foundation Proposal & Award Policy Newsletter* was released in February/March of 2017. The newsletter seeks to inform the NSF community about impending changes and clarifications to policies and procedures that impact researchers as they prepare grant proposals and administrators as they manage the awards. The first issue announced the release of the new *Proposal & Award Policies and Procedures Guide* ([PAPPG](#)) that became effective January 30th, 2017. The PAPPG is the document that specifies the guidelines used to prepare and submit proposals to NSF. The newsletter highlighted several changes to the new release, including two new proposal types, the merging of the Grant Proposal Guide with the Award Administration Guide, enhancing the cost sharing coverage section, and clarifying instructions for submitting late proposals due to natural or anthropogenic disasters.

The two new types of proposals are Research Advanced by Interdisciplinary Research and Engineering (RAISE) and Grant Opportunities for Academic Liaison with Industry (GOALI). RAISE grants support interdisciplinary ideas that meet three criteria: 1. Scientific advances are outside of the scope of a single program or discipline, 2. Research lines promise transformational progress, and 3. Prospective discoveries lie at the intersection of disciplinary boundaries that may not be recognized through traditional review. RAISE proposals following guidelines in the PAPPG, [chapter II.E.3](#). GOALI grants are requested in conjunction with a regular proposal submitted to a standing NSF program or as a supplemental funding request to an existing NSF-funded award. GOALI proposals follow guidelines in the PAPPG, [chapter II.E.4](#).

The new newsletter also includes announcements of NSF and other research administration events, such as the National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA) and Society of Research Administrators (SRA) International Spring Meetings. Links to presentations are also provided.

March Grant Awards

The following faculty members of Kent State University at Stark were awarded grants in March.

- **M. Gasper-Hulvat**, Kent State University Teaching Council, 2017 Summer Teaching Development Grant, “Guerrilla Girls in our Midst: A Reacting to the Past Game in Development,” (\$9,000).
- **L. Starkey and A. Martinez**, Kent State University Teaching Council, 2017 Summer Teaching Development Grant, “Lifestyles of Medieval and Early Modern Europeans: An Introduction to Material Culture Studies,” (\$9,000).

March/April Grant Submissions

The following faculty members of Kent State University at Stark submitted grant proposals to external agencies and foundations in March and early April.

- **C. Earley**, Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh, 2017 College Equipment Grants Program, “Education-Grade Polarimeters and Accessories to Enhance Teaching and Learning at Kent State University at Stark,” (\$4,307).
- **A. Larison**, Ohio Arts Council, ArtStart Grant, “Kent State Stark Guitar Weekend,” (\$5,000).
- **H. Zourrig and Y. Chae**, Knight Foundation, Knight Prototype Fund, “Fighting Against Cyber-Shilling: Developing a Free Mobile App (SIEVE) for Sifting Online Reviews,” (\$50,000).

Grant Activity by Quarter, FY 2016, and FY 2017

Table 1 displays grant submissions by quarter and outcomes and award rates for the corresponding quarterly grant submissions. Through three quarters of FY 2017, Kent State Stark faculty, staff, and administrators submitted 48 grant proposals valued at \$1.8 million. Eighteen grants valued at \$366 thousand were awarded from proposals submitted during fiscal year 2017 to Kent State Stark faculty and staff. An additional 22 grant applications valued at \$1.2 million submitted during FY 2017 are awaiting decisions.

Table 1

Kent State University at Stark													
Grant Activity by Quarter by Submission Date													
March 31, 2016													
	Number of Submissions		Dollar Value of Submissions		Number of Notifications			Dollar Value of Notifications			Award Rate		
	Submitted	Not Submitted	Submitted	Not Submitted	Awarded	Denied	Pending	Awarded	Denied	Pending	Number	Dollar	
Fiscal Year 2016													
Quarter 1	5	0	\$744,991	\$0	3	2	0	\$80,019	\$664,972		60.0%	10.7%	
Quarter 2	24	1	\$1,483,657	\$5,000	9	15	0	\$716,965	\$624,254		37.5%	53.5%	
Quarter 3	24	1	\$554,070	\$24,000	7	18	0	\$19,700	\$533,770		28.0%	3.6%	
Quarter 4	11	3	\$842,264	\$203,000	7	4	0	\$162,607	\$663,905		63.6%	19.7%	
FY2016 Total	64	5	\$3,624,982	\$232,000	26	39	0	\$979,291	\$2,486,901	\$0	40.0%	28.3%	
Fiscal Year 2017													
Quarter 1*	10	2	\$57,600	\$186,000	6	2	2	\$7,000	\$11,000	\$39,600	75.0%	38.9%	
Quarter 2*	15	0	\$588,920	\$0	9	3	3	\$340,375	\$38,000	\$43,420	75.0%	90.0%	
Quarter 3*	20	1	\$1,112,625	\$200,000	3	3	14	\$18,215	\$22,500	\$1,071,910	50.0%	44.7%	
Quarter 4*	3	0	\$59,307	\$0	0	0	3	\$0	\$0	\$59,307	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	
FY2017 Total	48	3	\$1,818,452	\$386,000	18	8	22	\$365,590	\$71,500	\$1,214,237	69.2%	83.6%	
* incomplete data													

Funding Opportunities for Faculty and Staff

The following is a list of grants, awards, and competitions listed by educational area with upcoming deadlines. Please contact Theresa Ford (tford15@kent.edu or x 53580) if you have any questions regarding an opportunity on this list or wish to apply to one.

Arts and Humanities

- American Philosophical Association, [Small Grant Fund](#), (up to \$5,000), to fund projects of its members that benefit the profession, deadline June 30.
- Conference on College Composition and Communication, [Advancement of Knowledge Award](#), in recognition of empirical research published in the previous two years that most advances writing studies, deadline July 15, 2016.
- Samuel H. Kress Foundation, [Scholarly European Art Projects](#), (\$1,000 to \$100,000), for projects that create and disseminate specialized knowledge, including archival projects, the development and dissemination of scholarly databases, documentation projects, museum exhibitions and publications, photographic campaigns, scholarly catalogs, and publications, and technical and scientific studies. Also supports activities that permit art historians to share their expertise through international exchanges, professional meetings, conferences, symposia, consultations, the presentations of research, and other professional events, deadline October 1, 2017.
- National Arts Strategies, 2017 [Creative Community Fellowship Program](#), (free tuition, lodging at 2 on-site events) 9-month program for innovators committed to using arts and culture to design solutions for community problems, deadline April 23.
- National Endowment for the Humanities, [Humanities Access Grants](#), to support capacity building for humanities programs that benefit children, family, and/or young adults, deadline May 3, **2017 [Examples of programs supported: Internships for students to work in cultural organizations during the summer.]**
- Ohio Humanities Council, [Monthly Grants](#) (\$2,000), deadline 1st business day of month; [Media Planning Grants](#), (\$2,000), deadline 1st business day of month; [Cultural Heritage Tourism Planning Grant](#), (\$2,000) deadline 1st business day of month.
- PNC Foundation, [Grant Program](#), Education and Economic Development focus including Arts & Culture, for cultural enrichment programs benefitting the community, deadline rolling (contact for Stark County, Jennifer Fox, 330.375.8472, Jennifer.fox@pnc.com).

Education

- Paul & Carol David Foundation, [Grants](#), supports improving education, community, and health opportunities for disadvantaged children in Stark County, OH, deadlines May 31, September 30, and December 31, 2017.
- James S. McDonnell Foundation, [Understanding Teacher Change and Teachers as Learners in K-12 Classrooms](#), (up to \$500,000/year for up to 5 years), supports education research on the science of teaching and expanding our understanding of teachers as learners and agents of change in education, deadline April 26 (for pre-proposals from teams of researchers).
- Spencer Foundation, Small Research Grants, (up to \$50,000), supports smaller scale or pilot research projects that have budgets of \$50,000 or less; aims to fund academic work that will contribute to the improvement of education, broadly conceived, deadlines May 1, August 1, November 1, and February 1.

Health Care, Nursing, Wellness

- Austin-Bailey Health and Wellness Foundation, [Grants](#), supports programs that promote the physical and mental well being of the citizens of Holmes, Stark, Tuscarawas, and Wayne Counties, deadlines June 15 and December 12, 2017.
- John A. Hartford Foundation and The Atlantic Philanthropies, [Health and Aging Policy Fellows](#), residential (up to \$100,000 in salary, \$4,500 in relocation, and \$400/month in health insurance) and non-residential fellowships (up to \$15,000 for partial salary support) to improve health policy and thereby improve the lives of older adults in the United States; in the residential track, fellows participate in the policymaking process as legislative assistants at the federal or state level or as professional staff members in executive branch agencies or policy organizations; in the non-residential track, fellows remain at their home institutions and dedicate at least 20% of their time to a virtual placement and/or project with agencies or organizations whose mission relates to health policy on aging with a health policy project that is global, federal state, or community-based; deadline April 17.
- Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation, [Board Grants](#), 1-3 years in duration, deadline: rolling, Letter of Inquiry;

Health Care, Nursing, Wellness (continued)

- Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation, [President's Grants](#), 1 year or less in duration, deadline: rolling, online application. [Five priority areas](#) include: Interprofessional Education and Teamwork, New Curriculum Content, New Models for Clinical Education, Career Development in Health Professions Education, and Education for the Care of Underserved Populations.
- Margaret Clark Morgan Foundation, [Grants](#), supports mental health programs in Northeast Ohio, deadline May 1, 2017 (letter of inquiry).
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, [Investigator-Initiated Research to Build a Culture of Health](#), (from \$50,000 to \$500,000), provides individuals, organizations, communities, policy makers, and researchers with the empirical evidence needed to address the key determinants of health encompassed in the Culture of Health Action Framework, deadline rolling (LOI).
- Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) Honor Society of Nursing, [STTI/Doris Bloch Research Award](#), (\$5,000), to support research by nurses to contribute to the advancement of nursing, deadline July 1, 2017.

Journalism

- Knight Foundation, [Journalism 360 Challenge](#), (up to \$35,000), to test, refine, and build out a project that use immersive storytelling to fuel innovation and new ideas, while addressing the many open questions facing this nascent industry; open to anyone, from journalists, technologists, entrepreneurs, gamers, software developers and academics, to news organizations, startups, established businesses, nonprofits and individuals. Focused on early-stage ideas, the challenge encourages building fast, failing fast and learning from the journey, deadline April 10.

Multiple Disciplines

- American Philosophical Society, [Franklin Research Grants](#), (up to \$6,000), supports cost of research leading to publication in all areas of knowledge; designed to help meet costs of travel to libraries and archives for research purposes; the purchase of microfilm; photocopies, or equivalent research materials; the costs associated with fieldwork; or laboratory research expenses, deadlines October 1 and December 1.
- J.M. Kaplan Fund, [2017 Innovation Prize](#), (\$50,000/year for 3 years + \$25,000 "bank" of funds) supports high-risk, early stage ideas that represent a game-changing answer to a clearly identified need; demonstrate an interdisciplinary or hybridized approach, ideally involving at least two of the four areas of interest to the fund; demonstrate the potential to develop an actionable pilot or prototype with prize funding; show potential to scale impact beyond the initial pilot or prototype; and hold out the promise to benefit multiple individuals, communities, or sectors through a clearly articulated theory of change, deadline April 28, 2017 (first-round applications).

LGBTQ

- David Bohnett Foundation, Grants, areas of interest include CyberCenters – Computer Labs at location LGBT community centers (also funds gun violence prevention and animal language research and exploration), deadline June 1, 2017 (3-stage process, first stage is a Letter of Inquiry).

Professional Development – faculty and staff

- The NEA Foundation, [Learning & Leadership Grants](#), (\$2,000 for individuals and \$5,000 for groups), support NEA faculty and staff members in public institutions of higher education for 1 of 2 purposes: 1.) to support individuals in high-quality professional development experiences, such as summer institutes, conferences, or action research, and 2.) to support groups engaged in collegial study, including study groups, action research, lesson plan development, or mentoring experiences for faculty or staff, deadline June 1, 2017.

Social Sciences

- American Sociological Association, [Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline](#), (up to \$8,000), to nurture the development of scientific knowledge by funding small, ground breaking research initiatives and other important scientific research activities such as conferences, deadlines June 15 and December 15.
- Russell Sage Foundation, [Small Awards in Behavioral Economics Program](#), (up to \$7,500), in pursuit of its mission to improve social and living conditions in the U.S., supports high-quality research in behavioral economics and encourages young investigators (recent PhDs) to enter this developing field; no limitations on disciplinary background of PI and proposed research may address any field in behavioral economics, deadline May 31, 2017 (letter of inquiry).

STEM, Environment

- American Heart Association, [Methods Validation Grant](#), (\$100,000/year for 2 years; \$150,000/year computational storage; and \$10,000 cash prize to the Investigator) to identify methods to improve the integration and analysis of data within and across large and diverse datasets using cloud computing, deadline June 29, 2017.
- National Institutes of Health, [Bridges to the Baccalaureate](#), (up to \$300,000/year for up to 5 years), to support educational activities that enhance the diversity of the biomedical research workforce; supporting community college students to increase transition to and completion of Bachelor's degree in biomedical sciences; requires partnerships between community colleges granting the associate degree with colleges or universities that offer the baccalaureate degree, deadline September 25, 2017.
- National Science Foundation, [Division of Environmental Biology](#) (DEB), (\$5,000 - \$5,000,000), supports fundamental research on populations, species, communities, and ecosystems, with a scientific emphasis ranging across many evolutionary and ecological patterns and processes at all spatial and temporal scales; areas of research include biodiversity, phylogenetic systematics, molecular evolution, life history evolution, natural selection, ecology, biogeography, ecosystem structure, function and services, conservation biology, global change, and biogeochemical cycles, deadline August 2, 2017.
- National Science Foundation, [Long Term Research in Environmental Biology](#), (\$450,000 - \$5,000,000), supports the generation of extended time series of data to address important questions in evolutionary biology, ecology, and ecosystem science, deadline August 2, 2017.