

From the Director

Dear Colleagues:

Welcome back! I hope that you had a wonderful summer and that you are ready to pursue external funding for your research projects and scholarly endeavors.

Last fiscal year, the Office of Grants & Sponsored Research worked with 58 faculty, staff and students to submit 82 grant applications. I would like to thank these individuals for their hard work and dedication in their pursuit of external funding.

The goal of the Grants Office is to continue to increase the number of faculty, staff and students interested in seeking funding by providing information on potential sources and assisting with the preparation of grant applications. I encourage you to contact our office so that we may assist you in your pursuit of grant funding. We look forward to hearing from you soon. Best wishes for a successful and rewarding semester.

Nancy L. Cruikshank
Director, Grants & Sponsored Research

Professional Development Day

The theme for Professional Development Day this fall is ***Student/Faculty Research: Searching for Synergy Among Teaching, Service and Scholarship.*** This day will be filled with workshops and discussions on how to foster student research. The keynote speaker, Dr. Jo B. Paoletti, from the University of Maryland is experienced in faculty/student research collaborations and will share her insight in this area.

Professional Development Day is Tuesday, September 14, 2004. The agenda of the day's activities is accessible at <http://www.sru.edu/pages/9819.asp>. Please call extension 2045 to register.

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Federal Funding Opportunities Made Simple

Finding and applying for Federal grants isn't as intimidating as it may have been in the past. This is true because of the **Grants.gov** web site. On this site, you can search over 900 grant programs from the 26 Federal grant-making agencies. When searching for funding sources, this site allows you to browse current funding opportunities by date, subject, or agency.

Grants.gov centralizes the process of finding and applying for Federal grants. These grants amount to over \$350 billion annually to state and local governments, academia, not-for-profits and other organizations. This program is designed to simplify and improve access to these services through the Internet.

Also on the site, you can sign up for the free email service. The email alert service is designed by the user according to key words in areas of interest, or you can choose to receive all grant notifications. There is even a tutorial for beginners in case you are having trouble getting started. Log on to <http://www.grants.gov> and see how quick and easy it is to search for and apply to Federal funding sources!

Awards Received March 1, 2004 - June 30, 2004

Robert Arnhold, Exercise and Rehabilitative Sciences, was awarded \$5,000 from the State System of Higher Education, Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity. This project funds summer positions for undergraduate students with disabilities will serve as role models to other university students and community members with disabilities and their families, as a way to promote fitness and wellness through a number of activities.

Robert Arnhold, Exercise and Rehabilitative Sciences, and **Pete Brough**, undergraduate student, were awarded \$1,500 from the Butler American Legion to purchase 70 polo shirts and wind pants for the Adapted Physical Activity Program.

Linda Beatty, Health Center, was awarded \$3,000 from the American College Health Association (ACHA). This grant enables SRU to work with the ACHA staff to assess the strengths and challenges of the campus health center regarding cultural competency and construct a needs assessment plan, implement a day-long strategic planning session, and develop a strategic plan that outlines the activities to be implemented that will enhance the health center's cultural competency.

George Brown, Government and Public Affairs, **Philip Tramdack** and **Jessica Marshall**, Library, received an award of \$4,539 from the Japan Foundation. This grant will enable the library to purchase Japanese books and feature films for Slippery Rock University's library that will be used in the new Film Studies Minor.

Robert Clay, Intercultural Programs, was granted \$3,000 from the State System of Higher Education, Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity for Transitions Brotherhood Series. This series program will provide an opportunity for black male students, faculty, staff, and administrators to come together to address issues and increase self-development.

Jace Condravy, Women's Studies, received \$3,000 from the State System of Higher Education, Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity to support Black History Month and Women's History Month, by bringing actress Kathryn Woods to Slippery Rock in order to recreate the life of Sojourner Truth.

Jace Condravy, Women's Studies, was awarded \$2,360 from Pennsylvania Performing Arts on Tour for the Simple Gifts program. Simple Gifts are two women folk musicians that will be in residence for Kaleidoscope, Slippery Rock Regional Arts Festival. Their residency will include workshops and concerts for the university and community.

Steven Doherty, Park and Recreation/Environmental Education, was granted \$5,000 from the Butler County Environmental Mini Grant Program 2004, Butler County Planning Commission. This project will construct, operate and research an on-site wetland to treat greywater from the Harmony House, an on-site residence, office, and classroom.

DaNine Fleming, Intercultural Programs, received an award from the State System of Higher Education, Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity in the amount of \$4,000. This project links freshman Board of Governors scholarship recipients with an upper classman who can serve as a positive role model, and help with the transition to Slippery Rock University through mentoring in academics and personal experiences.

Pamela Frigot, International Initiatives, received a grant from the International Research and Exchange Board in the amount of \$13,299. The funding will support The Eurasian Undergraduate Exchange Program, which provides fellowships to second- and third- year undergraduate students from twelve countries. Slippery Rock University will host up to five students and promote cultural exchange and academic opportunity.

Pamela Frigot, International Initiatives, was awarded \$53,716 from The Open Society Institute to provide funds to host 4 undergraduate students from Central & Eastern Europe, Former Soviet Union, Central Asia & Caucasus. The students will study at Slippery Rock for one academic year.

C. Jay Hertzog, College of Education, received an award of \$35,964 from the State System of Higher Education through the PA Department of Education to create Professional Development Sites (PDS) within the Pittsburgh Public Schools in collaboration with Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Carlow College, Duquesne University, the University of Pittsburgh, and Butler County Community College. Each of the participating 4-year institutions is working with the faculty and students at an elementary school in Pittsburgh to enhance student achievement, provide staff development for public school teachers and university personnel, and provide a seamless transition between the various levels of education K-16.

Paulette Johnson, Parks and Recreation/Environmental Education, was granted \$250,000 from the PA Department of Environmental Protection through the State System of Higher Education. This grant funds The PA Center for Environmental Education, which is a program continuing in its seventh year. The focus is to provide operation costs for the Pennsylvania Center for Environmental Education, so that it may continue to provide public access to education services and to provide an avenue for increased participation of educators, local officials, citizen and non-profit groups, business and industry as partners in the implementation of environmental education on a statewide basis.

Kathleen Kellinger, Nursing, received an award from the PA Higher Education Foundation in the amount of \$19,000 for The Nursing Education Grant Program. This program strives to encourage new students to pursue nursing as an academic and professional choice by providing scholarships to students.

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Joseph McCarren, English, was awarded \$6,000 from the State System of Higher Education to support the Summer Creative and Performing Arts Academy. The Academy provides an opportunity for high risk, low-income, urban as well as rural students, to participate in classroom experiences in the arts and technology. Students receive credit while enhancing their classroom experiences and sparking their interest in higher education.

Joyce Penrose, Nursing, received \$28,025 from Health Resources & Service Administration (HRSA) for the Joint MSN Traineeship Program. The project funds traineeship stipends to the students enrolled in the Master of Science in Nursing Program, jointly sponsored by Clarion, Edinboro & Slippery Rock Universities. These funds are intended by the federal government to increase the number of advanced practice nurses; in the case of the joint MSN program this means preparing more family nurse practitioners and nurse educators.

Lisa Ringer, Childcare, was granted \$10,000 from Child Care Resource Developers – Western Region. This grant will be used to create a safer and more functional outdoor playground for the Child Care Center. The Center will be using this funding for a new climbing unit and impact absorbing material for under the climbing unit.

Renay Scales, Social Equity and Diversity Office, was granted \$14,000 from the State System of Higher Education for the Women of Color in the Academy project. This program addresses the overall development of women in presence, persistence, and advancement in the work force, with women of color targeted for participation.

Pamela Soeder, Elementary Education/Early Childhood, was awarded \$82,562 from the State System of Higher Education for the Pittsburgh Partnership Program. This project is designed to help students achieve success in the classroom by introducing them to many aspects of a college life during a two-week residency program. The participants consist of 50 inner-city raising juniors from all eleven high schools in Pittsburgh.

Philip Tramdock, Library, was granted \$20,000 from The PA Department of Education—Department of Commonwealth Libraries. Through this grant, a student-faculty team at a SSHE university will design a marketing campaign for the State System University libraries. The objective is to increase awareness throughout the System of libraries and information services, and to increase opportunities for student and faculty collaboration.

Robert Vallin, Mathematics, received \$4,756 from National Science Foundation (NSF) for the Summer Symposium in Real Analysis at SRU. The Symposium is the twenty-eighth in a series of annual conferences in the subject of real analysis. Participants from all over the world will be convening in Slippery Rock from June 8th through June 13th. This grant will help cover the costs and lowering the fees charged to the participants.

Christophas Walker, Frederick Douglass Institute, was awarded \$6,250 from the State System of Higher Education, Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity for The Frederick Douglass Community of Scholars. This program will advance learning communities, such as multicultural studies, on campus and off campus through increasing outreach, recruitment and retention of minority students, faculty and staff.

Total awards for the time period equaled \$574,971 bringing the total awards notices for FY03 to \$934,423. Congratulations to all involved!!! If you are interested in learning how to receive sponsored funding, contact the Grants Office at extension 2045 or grantsoffice@sru.edu

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