Announcements

Welcome to the Interdisciplinary Funding Opportunities Newsletter provided by the Office of Grants and Contracts Administration. Monthly, you will receive a vetted list of UNT eligible funding opportunities that intersect with more than one discipline. Funding trends indicate that interdisciplinary teams are more likely to receive funding and have broader impacts. In this newsletter we will share the opportunity, deadline(s), special note from the program officer, link to the RFP, and sample narrative (if available) from previously funded proposals. In future issues, we will provide funding opportunities at least 90 days from the sponsor deadline to ensure sufficient time to coordinate, collaborate, and plan. If you have any questions or need help finding a collaborator, email me at naomi.wou@unt.edu.

Biosensing

1) National Science Foundation

Request for Proposals (RFP)
Sample Narrative of Successful Proposal

Application deadline: October 22, 2018

Award Ceiling: $540K

Intersecting disciplines: Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Biochemical Engineering, Technology, Life Sciences, Biomedical Engineering, Bioengineering

Notes: Proposals that incorporate emerging nanotechnology methods are especially encouraged.

Cooperative Studies of Earth’s Deep Interior

2) National Science Foundation

Request for Proposals (RFP)
Sample Narrative of Successful Proposal

Application deadline: September 24, 2018

Award Ceiling: $2 million

Intersecting disciplines: Earth Science, Geology, Cooperative Science Programs, Computational Studies

Notes: Interdisciplinary projects are required.
Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU): Sites and Supplements

3) National Science Foundation

Request for Proposals (RFP) (This is the most current RFP guideline document despite the dates being from 2013)

Sample Narrative of Successful Proposal

Application deadline: August 22, 2018

Award Ceiling: $600K

Intersecting disciplines: Engineering, Mathematical and Physical Sciences, Geosciences, Computer and Information Science and Engineering, Biological Sciences, Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences, Education, Human Resources

Notes: REU Sites may be based in a single discipline or academic department or may offer interdisciplinary or multi-department research opportunities with a coherent intellectual theme.

Agriculture and Food Research Initiative – Sustainable Agriculture Systems

4) United States Department of Agriculture

Request for Proposals (RFP)

Application deadline: September 24, 2018

Award Ceiling: $2 million

Intersecting disciplines: Earth Science, Geology, Cooperative Science Programs, Computational Studies

Notes: Interdisciplinary projects are required.

Humanities Connections

5) National Foundation for the Arts and Humanities

Request for Proposals (RFP), (updated RFP to be released soon)

Sample Narrative of Successful Proposal

Application deadline: October 17, 2018

Award Ceiling: $100K
Intersecting disciplines: Humanities, Liberal Arts, Education, Technology, Business, Social Science, Law, Health Science, Computer Science

Notes: Grants will support innovative curricular approaches that foster productive partnerships among humanities faculty and their counterparts in the social and natural sciences and in pre-service or professional programs (such as business, engineering, health sciences, law, computer science, and other technology-driven fields).

Hints from the Program Manager: “I’d also encourage you to submit a draft proposal. The deadline is generally one month from the final submission deadline or e-mail me to coordinate a day/time for a conversation with an NEH Program Officer about your proposal. In the past grant cycles, applicants that have submitted a draft for feedback or worked with a Program Officer have been more successful.”

Education Research

6) United States Department of Education
Request for Proposals (RFP)
Application deadline: August 23, 2018
Award Ceiling: $760K
Intersecting disciplines: Education, Education Leadership, Teacher Education, STEM, Social Sciences, Foreign Language, Technology (many more)

Small Grant Inquiry

7) John Templeton Foundation
Inquiry/ Pre-Proposal (Please coordinate with/email the Office of Advancement before applying)
Period of inquiry deadline: September 24, 2018
Award Ceiling: Under $217K
Intersecting disciplines: Natural Sciences, Human Sciences, Philosophy and Theology, Public Engagement

Notes: A number of topics - including creativity, freedom, gratitude, love, and purpose - can be found under more than one Core Funding Area. The Foundation welcomes proposals that bring together these overlapping elements, especially by combining the tools and approaches of different disciplines.
Research Traineeship Program (NRT)

8) National Science Foundation
Request for Proposals (RFP) – Limited Submission (UNT may submit two proposals) internal
UNT deadline is October 11th
Sample Application Narrative of Successful Proposal
Letter of Intent Application (LOI) Deadline: December 06, 2018
Award Ceiling: $3 Million
Intersecting disciplines: Agriculture and Food Sciences, Graduate Studies, Technology, Mathematics, Engineering, Natural and Physical Sciences, Energy Sciences, Research Methodology
Notes: The program is dedicated to effective training of STEM graduate students in high priority interdisciplinary research areas, through the use of a comprehensive traineeship model that is innovative, evidence-based, and aligned with changing workforce and research needs.

ROSES 2018 Solar Systems Workings

9) National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Request for Proposals (RFP)
Letter of Intent Application (LOI) Deadline: November 15, 2018
Award Ceiling: $ varies on scope of work
Intersecting disciplines: Solar Studies, Climatology, Planetary Atmospheres, Geosciences, Physical Sciences, Chemical Sciences, Astronomy, Planetology
Notes: The Solar System Workings program values the potential of interdisciplinary efforts to solve key scientific questions. The program also values research in comparative planetology.

Digital Resources Art History

10) Samuel H. Kress Foundation
Request for Proposals (RFP) (Please coordinate with/email the Office of Advancement before applying)
Sample Application Narrative of Successful Proposal
Application Deadline: October 1, 2018
Award Ceiling: $70K
Intersecting disciplines: Art History, Libraries, Digitization, Technology
Supports efforts to integrate new technologies into the practice of art history and the creation of important online resources in art history, including both textual and visual resources.

**Economic Institutions, Behavior, and Performance (Several Topics)**

11) Alfred P. Sloan Foundation

[Request for Proposals (RFP)](Please coordinate with/email the Office of Advancement before applying)

[Sample Narrative of Successful Proposal]

**Notes:** The program goal of the Economic Institutions, Behavior, & Performance program is to support rigorous and objective research projects on U.S. economic structure, behavior, and performance whose findings inform and strengthen decision-making by regulators, policymakers, and the public.

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**High Impact Interdisciplinary Science in NIDDK Research Areas**

12) National Institutes of Health

[Request for Proposals (RFP)]

Application deadline: November 1, 2018

**Notes:** Disease, Medicine, Technology, Medical Research Methodology,

**Diabetes, Digestive Disorders**

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**Systems for Action: Systems and Services Research for a Culture of Health**

13) Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

[Request for Proposals (RFP)] (Please coordinate with/email the Office of Advancement before applying)
LOI deadline: September 12, 2018  
Award Ceiling: $250K  
**Intersecting disciplines**: Finance, Medical, Social Sciences, Public Health, Education, Criminal Justice, Economics, Nutrition, Government  
**Notes**: RWJF research programs, which include multidisciplinary and multisector research teams, are working to identify the root causes of inequitable health outcomes in America and the potential solutions that can positively impact health.

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**Special Education Research**

14) United States Department of Education  
**Request for Proposals (RFP)**  
Letter of Intent Application deadline: August 23, 2018  
Award Ceiling: $760K  
**Intersecting disciplines**: Autism, Education, Technology, Psychology, Teacher Education, ESL, At-Risk Children, STEM Education  
**Notes**: The Institute's research grant programs are designed to provide interested individuals and the general public with reliable and valid information about education practices that support learning and improve academic achievement and access to education opportunities for all students.

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