

OSP Monthly



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Proposal Writing Tips and Pointers

Principle Investigators often ask how successful proposal writers get started. Here are a few helpful suggestions to consider before you start:

1. Do your homework. PI's who thoroughly understand their research are more likely to be funded.
2. Serve on competitive grant review panels. This process will help you gain valuable understanding to how the awarding processes work.
3. Establish and maintain constant communication with your funding source. Communicate with your funding source before submitting, during review and after the award.
4. Start early. The most common mistake is to start too late. The most successful applicants can take as many as 6 months to prepare their applications.
5. Do not assume The Office of Sponsored Projects can sign off on a proposal within a day or two. Many proposals need signatures from different areas of campus. This takes time to review and obtain. As a good rule, give about a weeks worth of time for OSP to review and obtain the needed signatures.
6. Take advantage of the resources The Office of Sponsored Projects provides. OSP has funding sources, a library of proposals writing books and tips, a quiet writing lab, and on-hand administrators to help with any questions you may have.

Successful proposals take time and effort. Taking a few extra steps can greatly increase your chances of getting funded.

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OSP Offers New Service

The Office of Sponsored Projects is pleased to offer a new service to assist Principle Investigator's in the financial aspect of externally funded projects. Beginning in November, our office began sending out monthly budget memos which will show budgeted amounts, expenditures, commitments, and balances available for these projects. These memos will be sent out on a monthly basis, shortly after the books are closed each month, generally around the 5th or 6th. The purpose of these memos is to give a "snapshot" of account balances so that funds can be spent on a timely basis and within budget limits.

Special thanks to Susan Diersman in the Accounting Office for all of her programming efforts and support of this new service.

If you have any questions concerning these memos, please call Ramona Sessions at ext. 8074.

-Ramona Sessions

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NEW PROPOSALS

Agency: USFWS
Principal Investigator: John Cavitt
Proposed Amount: \$ Unspecified

Agency: USHE
Principal Investigator: Rich Conroy
Proposed Amount: \$ 50,000

Agency: NSF
Principal Investigator: Warren Hill
Proposed Amount: \$ Unspecified

Agency: USHE
Principal Investigator: Laird Hartman
Proposed Amount: 50,000

Agency: Daimler Chrysler
Principal Investigator: John Kelly
Proposed Amount: \$ Unspecified

Agency: AAUW Foundation
Principal Investigator: Carol Merrill
Proposed Amount: \$ Unspecified

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NEW AWARDS

Agency: US Federal Government
Principal Investigator: Stacy Palen
Amount: \$ 1,000,000
Title: Ott Planetarium
Synopsis: Virtual-reality, simulation-based 3D immersion technology of star shows and other planetarium productions for educational purposes. Productions will be made to serve both English and Spanish speaking students.

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Expiring Awards

Agency: Raytheon Training, Inc.
Principal Investigator: John Kelly
Amount: \$127,140
Title: Raytheon
Date Ending: 12/31/05

Agency: Salt Lake Valley Health Dept.
Principal Investigator: Joe Thomas
Amount: \$35,000
Title: SLC I/M Emissions Repair Training
Date Ending: 12/31/05

Agency: Dept. of Comm. & Econ. Development
Principal Investigator: Beverly King
Amount: \$84,000
Title: 2005 Small Business Development Center (SBDC)
Date Ending: 12/31/05

Agency: Mountain View Hospital
Principal Investigator: Catherine Earl
Amount: \$60,000
Title: Payson Hospital Nursing
Date Ending: 12/31/05

Agency: Bureau of Reclamation
Principal Investigator: Marek Matyjasik
Amount: \$30,000
Title: Weber River Aquifer Project
Date Ending: 12/31/05

Agency: National Science Foundation
Principal Investigator: Colin Inglefield
Amount: \$71,700
Title: MRI/RUI: Acquisition of a Scanning Probe Microscope for Undergrad Research
Date Ending: 12/31/05

Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Center for Disease Control and Prevention

Due Date: January 9, 2006

Amount: \$ 8 mil

of Awards: 30

Synopsis: Notice seeking proposals to establish a national program to prevent behaviors and unhealthy environments that place elementary school through college-aged young people at risk for a myriad of health problems.

<http://fedgrants.gov/Applicants/HHS/CDC/PGO/CDC-RFA-DP06-601/Grant.html>

Agency: National Institute of Mental Health

Due Date: March 28, 2006

Amount: \$ 1.5 mil

of Awards: 1-2

Synopsis: PAR inviting grant applications for Interdisciplinary Developmental Science Centers for Mental Health: Mature Centers.

Agency: U.S. Department of Commerce; National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration

Due Date: January 13, 2006

Amount: \$ 6 mil

of Awards: 50

Synopsis: Notice seeking proposals that catalyze the implementation of locally driven barrier removal projects, to remove dams and other barriers in order to benefit living marine resources (particularly diadromous fish).

<http://fedgrants.gov/Applicants/DOC/NOAA/GMC/NMFS-HCPO-2006-2000405/Grant.html>

Agency: National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders

Due Date: February 15, 2006

Amount: \$ 500,000

of Awards: 2 to 3

Synopsis: FRA inviting grant applications to address infrastructure needs for patient-oriented research in the NIDCD mission areas of hearing, balance, smell, taste, voice, speech and language.

<http://fedgrants.gov/Applicants/HHS/NIH/NIH/RFA-DC-07-002/Grant.html>

Agency: U.S. Department of Health & Human Services; Center for Disease Control & Prevention

Due Date: February 3, 2006

Amount: \$1.8 mil

of Awards: 3 to 5

Synopsis: Notice seeking proposals to expand and advance out understanding of the care of the acutely injured.

<http://fedgrants.gov/Applicants/HHS/CDC/PGO/CDC-RFA-CE06-005/Grant.html>

Agency: DoD; Army; USACE; SERDP

Due Date: March 16, 2006

Amount: \$ 100,000

of Awards: Unspecified

Synopsis: BAA notice seeking proposals for research focusing on the areas of Sustainable Infrastructure and Munitions Management Technologies under the SERDP Exploratory Development (SEED) program.

<http://www.fbo.gov/spg/USA/COE/DACA72/BA%A%2D06%2D0001/SynopsisP.html>

Agency: American Astronomical Society

Due Date: January 3, 2006

Amount: \$ Unspecified

of Awards: Unspecified

Synopsis: Program supports travel to international scientific meetings. Applicants must hold a Ph.D. in astronomy or a closely related science & work at a U.S. institution (International Travel Grant).

<http://www.aas.org/grants/itg.html#late>

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy; Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; Gold Field Office

Due Date: January 24, 2006

Amount: \$ 6 mil

of Awards: 12 to 16

Synopsis: Notice seeking proposals for Industrial Assessment Centers, which is a university based education program to promote the training of young engineers in the understanding of the role of energy efficiency and renewable energy practices in basic manufacturing process systems and operations. Eligible applicants are U.S. colleges or schools of engineering that are an integral part of their institutional structures and that have at least one of their four-year undergraduate programs accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commissions or the Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology.

<http://fedgrants.gov/Applicants/DOE/PAM/HQ/DE-PS36-06GO96000/Modification1.html>

Agency: National Institute on Drug Abuse

Due Date: February 1, 2006

Amount: \$Unspecified

of Awards: Unspecified

Synopsis: PA soliciting collaborative research proposals on drug abuse and addiction that take advantage of special opportunities that exist outside the United States.

<http://www.fedgrants.gov/Applicants/HHS/NIH/NIH/PA-06-050/Grant.html>

Agency: U.S. Department of Justice; Office of Justice Programs; National Institute of Justice

Due Date: February 24, 2006

Amount: \$ Unspecified

of Awards: Unspecified

Synopsis: Notice seeking proposals to conduct comprehensive evaluations of promising programs with the objective of expanding the list of effective interventions to prevent violence to and by youth.

<http://fedgrants.gov/Applicants/DOJ/HQ/OJP/2006-NIJ-1154/Grant.html>

Agency: U.S. Department of Justice; Office of Justice Programs; National Institute of Justice

Due Date: January 17, 2006

Amount: \$ Unspecified

of Awards: Unspecified

Synopsis: Notice seeking proposals to gain research knowledge that will serve to increase victim safety and improve justice system and related responses to intimate partner violence and stalking.

<http://fedgrants.gov/Applicants/DOJ/HQ/OJP/2006-NIJ-1207/Grant.html>

Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Health Resources and Services Administration

Due Date: January 26, 2006

Amount: \$15.54 mil

of Awards: 11

Synopsis: Notice seeking proposals to support programs of excellence in health professions education for underrepresented minority individuals. Schools of allopathic medicine, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, graduate programs in behavioral or mental health, or other public and non-profit health or educational entities are eligible to apply.

<http://fedgrants.gov/Applicants/HHS/HRSA/GAC/HRSA-06-021/Grant.html>

Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture; Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service; Office of Extramural Programs

Due Date: January 13, 2006

Amount: \$ 12.6 mil

of Awards: Unspecified

Synopsis: Notice seeking proposals to support integrated, multifunctional agricultural research, extension, and education activities that address food safety priorities in the United States.

<http://fedgrants.gov/Applicants/USDA/CSREES/OEP/USDA-GRANTS-110405-002/Grant.html>

Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture; Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service; Office of Extramural Programs

Due Date: February 1, 2006

Amount: \$5.65 mil

of Awards: 20

Synopsis: Notice seeking applications for the Hispanic-Serving Institutions Education Grants Program for fiscal year 2006 to promote and strengthen the ability of Hispanic-Serving Institutions to carry out higher education programs that attract, retain, and graduate outstanding students capable of enhancing the nation's food and agricultural scientific and professional work force.

<http://fedgrants.gov/Applicants/USDA/CSREES/OEP/USDA-GRANTS-110405-003/Grant.html>

Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Center for Disease Control and Prevention

Due Date: February 3, 2006

Amount: \$750,000

of Awards: 3

Synopsis: Notice seeking proposals to expand and advance CDC's understanding of what works to prevent unintentional injuries, and how what works can be translated for maximum impact in public health.

<http://fedgrants.gov/Applicants/HHS/CDC/PGO/CDC-RFA-CE06-001/Grant.html>

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