Summer Retreat!

The Office of Sponsored Projects, along with Julie Park, Roxann King, Julie Snowball, Jim Hutchins and Susan Diersman all converged in Park City to find better ways OSP can better serve Principal Investigators (PIs), and better protect the university.

OSP discussed several difficulties OSP faces and the difficulties OSP can see its PIs struggling with.

OSP is entertaining the idea of having another focus group assembled to assess OSP. The last focus group was conducted in 2002 by Bruce Davis.

A grant database, currently being created by Susan Diersman, will give OSP the tools necessary to provide up to the minute information regarding currently managed grants. Susan has put a lot of effort into the database and it is estimated it will be up and running in December.

A complete listing of OSP’s retreat notes will be posted soon on our website: http://weber.edu/OSP/default.html/

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A New Place to Write

Also discussed during the retreat was the notion of a writing lab for Principal Investigators, with one being housed in OSP. PIs could come to our office and write, and if they required any help, OSP staff would be immediately accessible.

The Director of OSP, Chris Millard, voiced a goal of submitting 2 new proposals for every college. Chris also hopes to find more funding opportunities for all of Weber State University’s colleges.

If you have considered doing research, please jot down what interests you and what you’d like to do with those interests. Email your name, department, interests and research ideas to: sspendlove@weber.edu. We will search for funding opportunities that match your interests and send you RFP links.

More and more agencies are moving toward electronic submission of proposals, reports and awards. The writing lab housed in OSP will have all required programs and the staff to help you through them!
**OSP Monthly NEW PROPOSALS**

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**Synopsis**

- Provides vocational testing and career guidance to referred veterans at WSU’s Career Services.
- Serves low-income, disabled, and first-generation college students. A direct result of being involved in this program is the assurance students will successfully graduate from WSU.
- (Master’s & Endorsement Soars High) provides a district-based endorsement teacher training program through WSU so teachers can earn credits toward a Utah ESL Endorsement.
- Provides TANF clients with Trackers for assessment and transportation services with the goal of helping them increase career awareness and employment marketability.
- Provides support to programs for Career & Technical Education students in the College of Applied Science & Technology, College of Health Professions, College of Science, and Career Services.

**OSP Monthly NEW AWARDS**

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**Synopsis**

- A continuation of a 5 year program which prepares high school students for success in education beyond high school.
- A continuation of a 5 year program which aids veterans to finish college through training, funding, support and tutoring.
- Provides support to programs for Career & Technical Education students in the College of Applied Science & Technology, College of Health Professions, College of Science, and Career Services.
OSP Monthly Expiring Awards

Agency: Division of Water Quality  
Principal Investigator: John Cavitt  
Amount: $34,127  
Title: Ecosystem Study – Farmington Bay  
Date Ending: 9/30/05

Agency: State of Utah  
Principal Investigator: JaNae Kinikin  
Amount: $25,000  
Title: Enhancing Information Literacy at the Stewart Library  
Date Ending: 9/15/05

Agency: Salt Lake Community College  
Principal Investigator: Juliana Larsen  
Amount: $2,140  
Title: 2005 USAAP Highway Safety Subcontract  
Date Ending: 9/30/05

Agency: Utah State Office of Education  
Principal Investigator: Doris Stevenson  
Amount: $2,100  
Title: Economics Workshop  
Date Ending: 9/30/05

Agency: US Department of Education  
Principal Investigator: Mike Cena  
Amount: $297,935  
Title: MESH  
Date Ending: 9/29/05

Agency: US Environmental Protection Agency  
Principal Investigator: Joe Thomas  
Amount: $70,000  
Title: Ctr. Auto science & Technology  
Date Ending: 9/30/05

OSP Monthly Funding Opportunities

Agency: U.S. Department of Education; U.S. Navy; Office of Naval Research; Naval Research Laboratory  
Due Date: September 21, 2005  
Amount: $ Unspecified  
# of Awards: 1  
Synopsis: Pre-solicitation notice seeking proposals to provide research and engineering services in support of these basic task areas: Distributed Simulation Technologies, Electronic Warfare Analysis, Computer Modeling and Simulation, Database Management, Conference/Seminar Support, Technical Writer. Must be eligible for secret level security clearance.

Agency: U.S. Department of Defense; U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
Due Date: October 4, 2005  
Amount: $800,000  
# of Awards: Unspecified  
Synopsis: Notice seeking proposals for projects that improve habitat or implement other activities on private lands to benefit the ivory- billed woodpecker.

Many funding possibilities exist. If you do not see one listed that fits your interests, please call x7537 or email spendlove@weber.edu with your ideas and what you’d like to do with them so we can tailor a search just for you.
**Agency:** U.S. Department of Defense; Air Force; Air Force Material Command; Air Force Research Laboratory - Wright Research Site  
**Due Date:** October 17, 2005  
**Amount:** $1 mil for FY '06  
**# of Awards:** 7 anticipated  
**Synopsis:** The objective is to identify protection strategies and designs for existing and envisioned Air Force sensor systems, subsystems, or sensor components. Offerors are to assess the susceptibility of present and emerging sensor designs, generate top-level design changes to reduce susceptibility, and identify any system, subsystem, or component level impact or enhancement.

**Agency:** National Endowment for the Humanities, NEH, OPO  
**Due Date:** November 1, 2005  
**Amount:** $30,000 - $1,000,000 (Match Required)  
**# of Awards:** Unspecified  
**Synopsis:** NEH challenge grants help institutions and organizations secure long-term improvements in and support for their humanities programs and resources. Awards are made to museums, public libraries, colleges, research institutions, historical societies and historic sites, public television and radio stations, universities, scholarly associations, state humanities councils, and other nonprofit entities. Because of the matching requirements, these NEH awards also strengthen the humanities by encouraging nonfederal sources of support. Challenge grants are offered only when NEH funds will help institutions carry out long-term plans and enhance their financial stability. Both federal and nonfederal funds must provide long-term benefits to the humanities. Challenge grant funds should not merely replace funds already being expended on the humanities, but instead should reflect careful strategic planning to improve and strengthen the institution's activities in and commitment to the humanities.