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Revision and Resubmission: What to Do When Your Proposal is Rejected

Given that current funding rates among most agencies range between 10-30%, it is highly likely that one or more of your proposals will not be funded. After having a proposal rejected, you may want to consider revising and resubmitting it. Most federal agencies report a significant increase in funding rates—some ranging upward of 50%—for revised and resubmitted proposals.

Why are proposals rejected? The most common reasons for rejection are: 1) Failure to respond fully to the requirements listed in the funding announcement, 2) Perceived and/or actual deficiencies in the

project approach/methodology, and 3) Perceived and/or actual deficiencies related to the investigator and/or his/her research team.

Deciding to Resubmit. Before revising your proposal, you need to determine whether it is worthwhile to do so. First, read through the reviews. Does a common theme run throughout the reviews? For example, perhaps several of the reviewers felt you committed to doing far more work than would be feasible during the award period. Second, ask your colleagues (either at ASU or at another university) for an honest assessment of both the proposal and the reviews. Third, if appropriate, contact the program officer to gain additional insights on the reviewers' assessment of your project.

Keep in mind that the federal agencies have a variety of rules related to resubmission. The National Institutes of Health (NIH), for example, allows for a maximum of one (1) resubmission for any given proposal. The NIH also requires resubmitted proposals to include a summary of "substantial additional, deletions, and changes," as well as a response to criticisms. Other agencies, such as the National Science Foundation, generally do not have resubmission limits (with the notable exception of the CAREER program), but you usually have no opportunity to respond to previous criticisms. You should review the funding agency's rules on resubmission prior to preparing a revised proposal.

After you have confirmed that you may submit a revised proposal according to agency guidelines, you need to determine three things based on the reviewers' and your colleagues' comments: 1) whether the reviewers and your colleagues feel the project still has merit, 2) whether the funding agency and funding opportunity are still a good fit for your project, and 3) whether you can commit to and make the changes necessary for your project to be fundable.

Once you have made the decision to revise and resubmit, contact the Office of Sponsored Projects (osp@angelo.edu) for assistance in the resubmission process.

NSF: Proposals to Education Related Programs

The National Science Foundation's (NSF's) Division of Undergraduate Education recently released a short monograph titled, "Education Related Programs Background on Funding." This document includes a list of current educational funding opportunities, a section on preparing successful proposals, some general pre- and post-award management tips, and other resources to ensure the successful submission and management of educational proposals.

This document is available online through the AASCU's Grant Resource Center at <http://www.aascu.org/grc/Resources/NSFedRelatedprogBooklet080111.pdf>. For additional information, please contact the Office of Sponsored Projects at osp@angelo.edu

Upcoming Funding Opportunities

Hogg Foundation for Mental Health

Mental Health Research Grants for Tenure-Track Assistant Professors in Texas

Submission deadline: January 12, 2012

Overview: The primary purpose of this initiative is to support quality research in mental health. A second goal is to encourage grant recipients to present their research findings to mental health researchers, policy makers and service providers at state and national conferences and meetings. Funding for individual applicants will be capped at \$17,500, with up to \$15,000 for research purposes and \$2,500 designated for expenses to present research related to mental health at professional conferences.

For more information visit this Web page:

http://www.hogg.utexas.edu/rfp/research_grants_rfp_2012.html

Institute of Museum and Library Sciences

Sparks! Ignition Grants for Libraries and Museums

Submission deadline: February 1, 2012

Overview: The Sparks! Ignition Grants for Libraries and Museums are a special funding opportunity within the IMLS National Leadership Grants program. These small grants encourage libraries, museums, and archives to test and evaluate specific innovations in the ways they operate and the services they provide. Sparks Grants support the deployment, testing, and evaluation of promising and groundbreaking new tools, products, services, or organizational practices. You may propose activities or approaches that involve risk, as long as the risk is balanced by significant potential for improvement in the ways libraries and museums serve their communities.

For more information visit this Web page: <http://www.imls.gov/applicants/detail.aspx?GrantId=19>

National Endowment for the Humanities

Landmarks of American History and Culture: Workshops for School Teachers

Submission deadline: March 12, 2012

Overview: The Landmarks of American History and Culture program supports series of one-week residence-based workshops for a national audience of K-12 educators. NEH Landmarks of American History and Culture Workshops use historic sites to address central themes and issues in American history, government, literature, art, music, and other related subjects in the humanities. The goals of the workshops are to: 1) increase knowledge and appreciation of subjects, ideas, and places significant to American history and culture through humanities reading and site study; 2) build a community of inquiry and provide models of civility and of excellent scholarship and teaching; 3) provide teachers with expertise in the use and interpretation of historical sites and of material and archival resources; and 4) encourage historical and cultural sites to develop greater capacity and scale for professional development programs.

For more information visit this Web page: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/landmarks.html>

Summer Seminars and Institutes

Submission deadline: March 1, 2012

Overview: These grants support faculty development programs in the humanities for school teachers and for college and university teachers. NEH Summer Seminars and Institutes may be as short as two weeks or as long as five weeks. The duration of a program should allow for a rigorous treatment of its topic. NEH Summer Seminars and Institutes: 1) extend and deepen knowledge and understanding of the humanities by focusing on significant topics, texts, and issues; 2) contribute to the intellectual vitality and professional development of participants; 3) build a community of inquiry and provide models of civility and excellent scholarship and teaching; and 4) promote effective links between teaching and research in the humanities.

For more information visit this Web page: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/seminars.html>

National Institutes of Health

Cancer Education Grants Program (R25)

Submission deadlines: Standard R25 deadlines apply; see full announcement for details

Overview: The NIH Research Education (R25) grant mechanism supports creative and innovative research education programs for the development of biomedical, behavioral, and clinical researchers, or for education and outreach on health-related research to a variety of audiences. Research education grants are not typical research instruments. The awards are intended to support institutional educational

programs but not research projects. Applications must include a plan to evaluate the educational activities proposed and a plan for disseminating results.

For more information visit this Web page: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-12-049.html>

NIAMS Small Grant Program for New Investigators (R03)

Submission deadlines: Multiple deadlines; see full announcement for details

Overview: The National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS) is seeking small grant (R03) applications to stimulate and facilitate the entry of promising new investigators into research on arthritis and musculoskeletal and skin diseases and injuries. This FOA will provide support for pilot research that is likely to lead to a subsequent individual research project grant (R01).

For more information visit this Web page: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-12-045.html>

The Effect of Racial and Ethnic Discrimination/Bias on Health Care Delivery (R03)

Submission deadlines: Standard R03 deadlines apply; see full announcement for details

Overview: This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) encourages the submission of research project grant applications from institutions/organizations that proposed to: (1) improve the measurement of racial/ethnic discrimination in health care delivery systems through improved instrumentation, data collection, and statistical/analytical techniques; (2) to enhance understanding of the influence of racial/ethnic discrimination in health care delivery and its association with disparities in disease incidence, treatment, and outcomes among disadvantaged racial/ethnic minority groups; and (3) to reduce the prevalence of racial/ethnic health disparities through the development of interventions to reduce the influence of racial/ethnic discrimination on health care delivery systems in the United States (U.S.). This R03 grant mechanism supports pilot or feasibility studies and developmental research projects with the intention of obtaining sufficient preliminary data for a subsequent Investigator-initiated Research Project Grant (R01) application.

For more information visit this Web page: <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-11-164.html>

National Science Foundation

Communications, Circuits, and Sensing-Systems (CCSS)

Submission deadlines: February 7, 2012 and October 7, 2012

Overview: The Communications, Circuits, and Sensing-Systems (CCSS) program is intended to spur visionary systems-oriented activities in collaborative, multidisciplinary, and integrative research. CCSS supports systems research in hardware, signal processing techniques, and architectures to enable the next generation of cyber systems (CPS) that leverage computation, communication, and algorithms integrated with physical domains. CCSS offers new challenges at all levels of systems integration to address future societal needs. CCSS supports innovative research and integrated educational activities in micro- and nano-systems, communications systems, and cyber systems.

For more information visit this Web page: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=13381

Division of Molecular and Cellular Biosciences: Investigator-initiated Research Projects (MCB)

Submission deadline: May 21, 2012

Overview: The Division of Molecular and Cellular Biosciences (MCB) supports fundamental research and related activities designed to promote understanding of complex living systems at the molecular, subcellular, and cellular levels. The Division is soliciting proposals for hypothesis-driven and discovery research and related activities in four core clusters: 1) Biomolecular dynamics, structure, and function, 2) Cellular processes, 3) Genetic mechanisms, and 4) Networks and regulation.

For more information visit this Web page: <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2011/nsf11545/nsf11545.htm>

Documenting Endangered Language (DEL)

Submission deadline: September 15, 2012

Overview: This funding partnership between the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) supports projects to develop and advance knowledge concerning endangered human languages. Made urgent by the imminent death of roughly half of the approximately

7000 currently used languages, this effort aims to exploit advances in information technology to build computational infrastructure for endangered language research. The program supports projects that contribute to data management and archiving, and to the development of the next generation of researchers. Funding can support fieldwork and other activities relevant to the digital recording, documenting, and archiving of endangered languages, including the preparation of lexicons, grammars, text samples, and databases.

For more information visit this Web page: <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2011/nsf11554/nsf11554.htm>

Major Research Instrumentation Program (MRI)

Submission deadline: January 26, 2012

Overview: The Major Research Instrumentation Program (MRI) serves to increase access to shared scientific and engineering instruments for research and research training in our Nation's institutions of higher education, museums, science centers, and not-for-profit organizations. This program especially seeks to improve the quality and expand the scope of research and research training in science and engineering, by providing shared instrumentation that fosters the integration of research and education in research-intensive learning environments. Development and acquisition of research instrumentation for shared inter- and/or intra-organizational use are encouraged, as are development efforts that leverage the strengths of private sector partners to build instrument development capacity at academic institutions.

For more information visit this Web page: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5260

Science, Technology, and Society (STS)

Submission deadlines: February 1, 2012 and August 1, 2012

Overview: STS considers proposals for scientific research into the interface between science (including engineering) or technology, and society. STS researchers use diverse methods including social science, historical, and philosophical methods. Successful proposals will be transferrable (i.e., generate results that provide insights for other scientific contexts that are suitably similar). They will produce outcomes that address pertinent problems and issues at the interface of science, technology and society, such as those having to do with practices and assumptions, ethics, values, governance, and policy.

For more information visit this Web page: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5324

Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library

Winterthur Research Fellowships

Submission deadline: January 15, 2012

Overview: Winterthur welcomes researchers. Academic, independent, and museum scholars, as well as advanced graduate students are invited to apply for short and long-term residential research fellowships. Research fellows conduct research in many areas of social and cultural history, including material culture, architecture, decorative arts, design, consumer culture, garden and landscape studies, Shaker studies, travel and tourism, the Atlantic World, and objects in literature. Winterthur's collections are rich and diverse, and we welcome applications that offer fresh approaches to our resources.

For more information visit this Web page: <http://www.winterthur.org/?p=418>

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