

Research Tracks

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Upcoming Deadline

Norman Hackerman Advanced Research Program

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board provides research grants through the Norman Hackerman Advanced Research program. These grants support faculty at Texas universities in pursuing basic research with the goal of attracting and retaining top undergraduate students and researchers.

There is no limit to the number of applicants from an institution, so all interested faculty are encouraged to apply. The program requires a pre-proposal submission, and the board will request full proposals from promising applicants.

The registration and pre-proposal deadline is **September 15**. For more information and complete proposal guidelines, visit the program's website, located at: <http://www.arpatp.com>.

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Compliance

Sherr appointed IRB chair

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Michael Sherr has accepted an appointment to chair the university's Institutional Review Board.

Dr. Sherr is an assistant professor in the School of Social Work. His research interests include volunteerism, integration of faith and practice, social work education, and evaluation research.

He succeeds Dr. Matthew Stanford, who previously served the university in this important role.



Texas State Grants Offer Additional Funding Opportunities



Most active researchers are familiar with federal grants in support of research projects. It's important to keep in mind that in addition to making money available through federal agencies, the government also channels funds to the states, allowing state agencies to award targeted funds for a variety of purposes.

Since 2007, the State of Texas has maintained an online database of grant opportunities. The database matches a

variety of organizations, including universities, with funds available through state agencies.

The database is a great place for faculty to look for funding for research and other projects. To access the database, visit:

<http://www.texasonline.state.tx.us/tolapp/egrants/search.htm>.

Funding Spotlight

Post-Doctoral Fellowship Funding

The OVPR supports 12-month postdoctoral research fellowships for Ph.D.-granting departments. These fellowships are funded by the University and may include minimal teaching responsibility, depending upon the research discipline.

Candidates must hold a Ph.D. degree and be committed to excellence in research at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Applications are due to the OVPR by **October 7**, 2009 at 12:00 p.m.

For more information on the post-doctoral fellowship program, visit the OVPR web site, located at: <http://www.baylor.edu/research/vpr/index.php?id=17297>.

Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas

The CPRIT has announced its first requests for application for funding opportunities related to cancer research.

Some CPRIT programs have limits on the number of applications allowed from each institution, so the OVPR will be conducting an internal review prior to the CPRIT deadline. Letters of interest are due on **September 11** at 12:00 p.m.

More information on the institute is available on the web at: <http://www.cpr.it.state.tx.us/funding.html>.

You can also view the policy for submission of CPRIT proposals at: <http://www.baylor.edu/research/vpr/index.php?id=67138>.

Policy Reminder

NEH Summer Stipend Applications

Considering applying to the NEH's summer stipend program? Remember that OVPR review is required before applications may be submitted to the NEH. Institutions are limited in the number of applications they may submit. Faculty who submit applications on their own may risk putting Baylor over its allotment of applications, potentially jeopardizing funding for all our applicants.

Although stipends are awarded directly to applicants, it's important that fellowship applications receive academic and administrative approval through the normal OSP routing process.

The internal application deadline is **September 4** at 12:00 p.m. For more information and to download an application form, visit the OVPR's web page at: <http://www.baylor.edu/research/vpr/index.php?id=30441>.

Funding Opportunities

Howard Hughes Medical Institute Grants for Research Universities

The Howard Hughes Medical Institute's Undergraduate Science Education Program seeks to fund projects in two areas: Core Grants and Experiment Grants.

Core Grants support projects that strengthen undergraduate science education, including projects aimed at increasing involvement of traditionally underrepresented groups. These grants will be directed to projects in four key areas: student research, faculty development, curriculum development, and outreach & transitions.

The Experiment Grants program encourages applicants to adopt non-traditional approaches to addressing challenges in undergraduate science education. Because many of these proposals will have uncertain outcomes, they will be evaluated separately from Core Grant applications.

Institutions are limited in the number of applications they may submit, so OVPR review is required prior to submission to HHMI.

For more information, please contact Blake Thomas at blake_thomas@baylor.edu or visit the HHMI program's website at <http://www.hhmi.org/universities>.

John Merck Scholars Program

The John Merck Scholars Program in the Biology of Developmental Disabilities in Children funds research that seeks to increase understanding of neurodevelopmental disorders.

Starting this year, the Merck Fund will no longer limit the number of applications from each institution. Applicants must submit a pre-application of no more than two pages by September 15, 2009.

For application information and full funding guidelines, visit the Merck Fund's webpage at: http://www.jmfund.org/jm_scholars_program.shtml.

OVPR Announcement

OVPR Colloquium funding complete for Fall '09 semester

The Office of the Vice Provost for Research has seen great interest in funding for OVPR Colloquium programs. These programs have resulted in terrific opportunities for the Baylor community to hear from leading scholars in a variety of disciplines.

Because of the number of applications received, all funds for Fall '09 OVPR Colloquium requests have been committed, and no further applications are being accepted at this time.

Additional funds may be available for the Spring '10 semester. Watch the OVPR website and future *Research Tracks* for updates on this program.

OVPR Announcement

Changes to NEH application guidelines

The National Endowment for the Humanities has issued updated guidelines relating to their Collaborative Research and Scholarly Editions & Translations programs.

Translation projects, which were formerly categorized as Collaborative Research, now fall under the Scholarly Editions & Translation category, because of the similar criteria used to evaluate projects in the original language and projects which are translations.

Both new and veteran investigators are responsible for adhering to the new requirements for projects submitted for the October 29, 2009 due date, so the NEH encourages all potential applicants to read the new guidelines in their entirety to ensure compliance.

The guidelines are posted on the NEH website at:
<http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/editions.html> &
<http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/collaborative.html>.

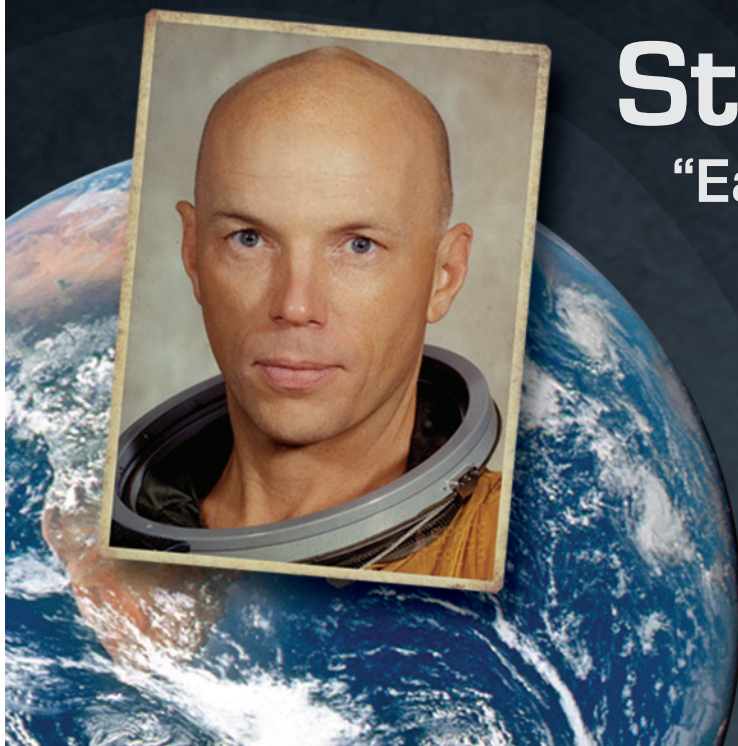
Baylor University, the Office of the Vice Provost for Research, and CASPER present:

Story Musgrave

"Earth as Art: A Space Story"

Friday, Sept. 18, 2009, 3:00 PM
Baylor Sciences Building, Room B110

Join us for a reception with Dr.
Musgrave before the event,
beginning at 2:30 PM in the A-wing
2nd floor elevator landing.



Federal Agency Grants

Opportunity Title	Full Proposal Due
Engineering Design and Innovation http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=13340	October 1, 2009
Materials and Surface Engineering http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=13356	October 1, 2009
Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/digitalhumanitiesstartup.html	October 6, 2009
NSF Astronomy and Astrophysics Postdoctoral Fellowships http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2008/nsf08581/nsf08581.htm	October 14, 2009
2010 NIH Director's New Innovator Award Program http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-09-011.html	October 28, 2009
Mental Health Consequences of Violence and Trauma http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-313.html	November 17, 2009
The Role of Human-Animal Interaction in Child Health and Development http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HD-09-031.html	November 20, 2009
Substance Use and Abuse among U.S. Military Personnel, Veterans and their Families http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DA-10-001.html	December 22, 2009

Foundation Grants

Opportunity Title	Full Proposal Due
Theodore Dunham, Jr. Grants for Research in Astronomy http://foundationcenter.org/grantmaker/fundastro/grants.html	October 5, 2009
Tiger Woods Foundation Grants http://www.tigerwoodsfoundation.org/grants.php	November 1, 2009
Foundation for Child Development Young Scholars Program http://www.fcd-us.org/programs/programs_show.htm?doc_id=447982	November 4, 2009
AT&T Labs Fellowship Program http://public.research.att.com/index.cfm?portal=20	January 31, 2010

QUESTIONS?

To learn more about locating and applying for funding opportunities, contact the Office of the Vice Provost for Research at research@baylor.edu.