FUNDING ALERTS 11/02/09

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I. Funding for Libraries, Librarians, and Library Science Students

1. Innovative Research to Improve Library Services

Deadline: December 1, 2009
Award Amount: $3,000

The American Library Association’s Carroll Preston Baber Research Grant is given annually to one or more librarians or library educators who will conduct innovative research that could lead to an improvement in services to any specified group(s) of people. The project should aim to answer a question that is of vital importance to the library community and the researchers should plan to provide documentation of the results of their work. The Jury would welcome proposals that involve innovative uses of technology and proposals that involve cooperation between libraries, between libraries and other agencies, or between librarians and persons in other disciplines. Any ALA member may apply. The Jury would welcome projects that involve both a practicing librarian and a researcher. Click here to view previous winners.

http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/ors/orsawards/baberresearchgrant/babercarroll.cfm

2. Digital Society and Technologies Program

Deadline: December 6, 2009
Award Amount: $200,000

The National Science Foundation’s Digital Society and Technologies (DST) Program seeks projects in the current areas of interest: Universal Participation in a Digital Society, Collaborative Intelligence, Management of Knowledge Intensive Enterprises, Knowledge Environments for Science and Engineering, Transforming Enterprises. Universities and Colleges - Universities and two- and four-year colleges (including community colleges) accredited in, and having a campus located in the US, acting on behalf of their faculty members may apply.


3. Research in Library and Information Technology Award
Deadline: December 31, 2009

Award Amount: $2,000 cash, an award citation and an expense paid trip to the ALA Annual Conference (airfare and two nights lodging).

The American Library Association’s Kilgour Research Award recognizes research relevant to the development of information technologies, in particular research which shows promise of having a positive and substantive impact on any aspect of the publication, storage, retrieval and dissemination of information or how information and data are manipulated and managed.

http://www.lita.org/ala/mgrps/divs/lita/litahome.cfm

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4. Restoring Reading to the Center of American Culture
Deadline: February 2, 2010

Award Amount: $2,500 to $20,000

The Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and in cooperation with Arts Midwest designed to revitalize the role of literature in American culture and to encourage citizens to read for pleasure and enlightenment. The Big Read provides U.S. communities with grants and comprehensive resources that support their efforts to read and discuss a single book or the work of a poet. Organizations applying to The Big Read must select from the reading choices listed below. Organizations selected to participate will receive a grant, access to online training resources and opportunities, educational and promotional materials to support widespread community involvement and participation, an Organizer’s Guide for developing and managing Big Read activities, inclusion of the organization and its activities on The Big Read Web site, and the prestige of participating in a highly visible national program.

Applicant organizations must:

1. Be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization; a division of state, local, or tribal government; or a tax-exempt public library. Eligible applicants include such organizations as literary centers, libraries, museums, colleges and universities, art centers, historical societies, arts councils, tribal governments, humanities councils, literary festivals, and arts organizations.
2. Partner with a library (if the applicant organization itself is not a library).
3. Select one of the 31 available reading choices.

http://neabigread.org/guidelines.php

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5. Library and Information Technology Presentation Requests
Deadline: February 19, 2010

The Library Information and Technology Association’s 2010 National Forum Committee seeks proposals for high quality concurrent sessions and poster sessions for the 13th annual LITA National Forum to be held in Atlanta GA, September 30 - October 3rd, 2010. The Forum Committee is interested in presentations about projects, plans, or discoveries in areas of library-related technology involving emerging cloud technologies, software-as-service, as well as social technologies of various kinds. We are interested in presentations from all types of libraries: public, government, school, academic, special, and corporate. Proposals on any aspect of library and information technology are welcome. Presentations
must have a technological focus and pertain to libraries and/or be of interest to librarians. Concurrent sessions are approximately 75 minutes in length and sessions of all varieties are welcomed from traditional single- or multi-speaker formats to panel discussions, case studies, and demonstrations of projects. Forum 2009 will also accept a limited number of poster session proposals. For projects that will still be in preliminary development in October 2010, we recommend presentations at a lightning talk or other "un-conference"-like activities for which time will be reserved at Forum. A call for these types of presentations and discussions will be issued after February 2010.

http://www.lita.org/ala/mgrps/divs/lita/litaevents/forum2010/callforproposal.cfm

II. Funding for Organizations and Academic Institutions

1. Exploration of Largely Unrecorded or Little-Known Areas of the Earth

Deadline: Pre-applications are accepted throughout the year

Award Amount: $5,000-$35,000

The National Geographic Expeditions Council (EC) is a grant program dedicated to funding exploration of largely unrecorded or little-known areas of the Earth, as well as regions undergoing significant environmental or cultural change. EC grants support a wide range of projects including marine research, archaeological discoveries, documentation of vanishing rain forests, first ascents, and more. Through these compelling stories we reinforce our mission to foster a deeper understanding of the world and its inhabitants. International applicants are encouraged. However, submissions must be made in English if they are to receive timely consideration by the Expeditions Council. Applicants are expected to have qualifications and experience pertinent to the expedition or project they propose, and advanced academic degrees are not required. Those planning work in countries other than their own should consider including at least one local collaborator as part of their expedition team.

http://www.nationalgeographic.com/field/grants-programs/ec-apply.html

2. Health Impact Project

Deadline: none

Award Amount: $25,000 to $150,000

A collaboration of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Pew Charitable Trust, the Health Impact Project is intended to encourage the use of Health Impact Assessment (HIA) to help decision-makers better assess proposed policies, projects, and programs with respect to their impact on health so that they may avoid adverse health consequences and costs and improve health. The program partners have issued a call for proposals to demonstrate the effectiveness of HIAs and promote their incorporation into local, state, tribal, and federal decision-making. Eligible applicant organizations include: state, tribal or local agencies; tax-exempt educational institutions; and publicly supported charitable organizations that are exempt from federal income tax as an organization described by section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Applicant organizations must be located in the United States or its territories at the time of application.

November 5, 2009 (1:30 p.m. ET)—Web conference call for interested applicants. Registration is required. Please visit project Web site for details.

3. Researching Air Pollution and Human Health Effects
Deadline: November 18, 2009
Award Amount: up to $8,000,000

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as part of its Science to Achieve Results (STAR) program, is seeking applications for Clean Air Research Centers. EPA is seeking proposals for integrated, multidisciplinary research centers that will advance understanding of air pollution and human health effects. Public nonprofit institutions/organizations (includes public institutions of higher education and hospitals) and private nonprofit institutions/organizations (includes private institutions of higher education and hospitals) located in the U.S., states and local governments, Federally Recognized Indian Tribal Governments, and U.S. territories or possessions are eligible to apply. Each Center shall have an Administrative Core responsible for overall oversight, coordination and integration of the Center’s activities. As part of the Administrative Core description, applications must provide a Center Integration Plan describing how the program will be integrated internally. The Administrative Core must allocate sufficient funding to: 1) host one joint Centers workshop; 2) participate in an annual Centers meeting to review research progress, hosted in turn by each of the Centers; 3) participate in six workshops over the five year period; and 4) support approximately $50,000 annually in comparative or collaborative studies.


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4. Restoring, Protecting and Enhancing Native Aquatic Species Program

Deadline: December 1, 2009
Award Amount: $60,000

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), U.S.D.A. Forest Service (FS), and Trout Unlimited (TU), is pleased to request pre-proposals from nonprofit organizations, universities, Native American tribes, and local, state, and federal agencies interested in restoring, protecting, and enhancing native populations of sensitive or listed aquatic species, especially on lands on or adjacent to federal agency lands. The BBN program seeks projects that initiate partnerships with private landowners, demonstrate successful collaborative efforts, address watershed health issues that would lead to restoring, protecting, and enhancing habitats and are key to restoring, protecting, and enhancing native aquatic species and their migration corridors, promote stewardship on private lands, and that can demonstrate a 2:1 non-federal to federal match.

http://www.nfwf.org/AM/template.cfm?section=charter_programs_list&template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=13995

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5. Innovative Digital Projects

Deadline: December 15, 2009 (extended)
Award Amount: $10,000-$719,000

The Knight News Challenge, an initiative of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, seeks innovations that use new or available technology to distribute content in local communities. The contest awards as much as $5 million a year for innovative ideas related to platforms, tools, and services with the potential to inform and transform community news, conversations, and information distribution and visualization. Anyone may nominate
a project from anywhere in the world. To be eligible, projects must use digital, open-source technology; must distribute news in the public interest; and must be tested in a local community. There are three rules to follow to apply to the 2010 Knight News Challenge:

1. Use digital, open-source technology.
2. Distribute news in the public interest.
3. Test your project in a local community.

Click here to view past winners.

http://www.newschallenge.org/

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6. Engineering Education Curriculum Development Program

Deadline: January 20, 2010 for Area 1 Projects, March 31, 2010 for Area 2 and Area 3 Projects

Award Amount: $150,000 to $400,000

The National Science Foundation's Innovations in Engineering Education, Curriculum, and Infrastructure (IEECI) program supports research which addresses three aspects of engineering education: (1) how students best learn the ideas, principles, and practices to become creative and innovative engineers, and how this learning is measured; (2) how to more effectively translate successes in engineering education research into widespread practice with consideration of curriculum, student learning, innovation models, and cyber-learning technology; and (3) implementation of programs for students supported by the GI Bill. Area 1. Innovations in Teaching and Learning: Projects will be supported that contribute to significant breakthroughs in understanding how students learn engineering so that our undergraduate and graduate programs prepare engineers to meet the needs of the changing economy and society. Area 2. Translation of Engineering Education Research into our Classrooms: Research results in engineering education often face significant barriers to widespread adoption into practice. While the economic challenge of translating research to innovation is well studied for other fields of engineering and the chasm between has been labeled "the valley of death," for engineering education research there are additional challenges and the "commercialization" process is much more complex. Universities and Colleges - Universities and two- and four-year colleges (including community colleges) accredited in, and having a campus located in the US, acting on behalf of their faculty members may apply. Click here to view abstracts from recent awards made from this program.


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7. Innovative Wireless Related Technology Projects

Deadline: February 1, 2010

Award Amount: $100,000 - $300,000

The Vodafone Wireless Innovation Project™ (the "competition") seeks to identify and fund the best innovations using wireless related technology to address critical social issues around the world. Project proposals must demonstrate significant advancement in the field of wireless-related technology applied to social benefit use. The competition is open to projects from universities and nonprofit organizations based in the United States. Although organizations must be based in the United States, projects may operate and help people outside of the United States. Applicants must demonstrate a multi-disciplinary
approach that uses an innovation in wireless related technology to address a critical global issue in one or more of the following areas:

Social Issue Areas
Access to communication
Education
Economic development
Environment
Health
Technical Issue Areas
Connectivity
Energy
Language or Literacy hurdles
Ease of use

The project must be at a stage of research where an advanced prototype or field/market test can occur during the award period. The technology should have the potential for replication and large scale impact. Teams should have a business plan or a basic framework for financial sustainability and rollout.

http://www.project.vodafone-us.com/about.html

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8. Producing National Dance Projects

Deadline: March 2, 2009

Award Amount: $25,000 to $40,000

The New England Foundation for the Arts, the National Dance Project provides a system of support for contemporary dance by supporting the creation (production) and engagement (touring) of dance in the United States and beyond. NDP’s production grants fund the creation of new dance work that will tour nationally by supporting costs incurred through the artistic development of the work. Projects applying for production grants should make possible the creation of regionally or nationally significant work that will tour; offer potential to engage audiences; explore collaborations within and across disciplines, if appropriate; and involve creative and dynamic partnership with one or more U.S. presenter partners in the development of the work. Choreographers, artists, and companies are eligible to apply for production grants. Projects must have a U.S. presenter partner. NDP can only award grants to organizations with nonprofit status. Production grants may be paid either directly to an incorporated dance company and/or to a fiscal agent (such as the presenter partner). Click here to view previous awarded projects.

http://www.nefa.org/grants_services/national_dance_project

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III. Funding for Individuals

1. Young Explorers Seed Program

Deadline: Pre-applications accepted throughout the year

Award Amount: $2,000-$5,000

The National Geographic Society’s Young Explorer’s Grants (YEG) offer opportunities to individuals between the ages of 18 and 25 to pursue research, conservation, and exploration-related projects consistent with National Geographic’s existing grant programs, including: the Committee for Research and Exploration (CRE), the Expeditions
Council (EC), and the Conservation Trust (CT). Applicants are not required to have advanced degrees. However, a record of prior experience in the fields of research, conservation, or exploration should be submitted as it pertains to the proposed project. Funding is not restricted to United States citizens—foreign nationals are invited to apply. Researchers planning work in countries abroad should make great effort to include at least one local collaborator as part of their team.


2. Exploratory Fieldwork Program
Deadline: Pre-applications are accepted throughout the year
Award Amount: $5,000-$15,000

The National Geographic Society/Waitt Grants Program, an initiative of the National Geographic Society and the Waitt Institute for Discovery, helps qualified and experienced individuals launch the most difficult stage of a project for which to secure funding—the search. Grants are made for exploratory fieldwork that holds promise for new breakthroughs in the natural and social sciences. NGS/Waitt Grants applications are processed throughout the year and grants are awarded expeditiously to help researchers take advantage of immediate opportunities. Funding is not restricted to United States citizens. Applicants planning work in foreign countries should include at least one local collaborator as part of their research teams. The selection committee will not consider applications seeking support solely for laboratory work or archival research.

Eligibility: Applicants are not required to have advanced degrees to be eligible for funding, though they will be required to show a commensurate level of expertise and experience. Applicants must have an affiliation with an educational organization or other institution.


3. Research Faculty Fellows
Deadline: November 16, 2009
Award Amount: $200,000

Microsoft Research seeks nominees who are advancing computing research in novel directions with the potential for high impact on the state of the art, and who demonstrate the likelihood of becoming thought leaders in the field. The Microsoft Research Faculty Fellowship Awards program provides recipients considerable freedom in planning the focus of their academic research. Because new faculty are so vital to the future of academic computer science, the Microsoft Research Faculty Fellowship Program identifies, recognizes, and supports exceptional new faculty members engaged in innovative computing research. The objective of this program is to stimulate and support creative research undertaken by promising researchers who have the potential to make a profound impact on the field of computing in their research disciplines.

View previous fellows here.


4. Clinical Scientist Development Award
Deadline: November 17, 2009 (online nominations)
Award Amount: $135,000
A program of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, the Doris Duke Clinical Scientist Development Award provides grants to junior physician-scientists to facilitate their transition to independent clinical research careers. Each accredited, degree-granting institution — which includes all affiliated graduate schools, related hospitals, and research institutes — may nominate up to two candidates. Different divisions, departments, hospitals, centers, or schools of the same degree-granting institution should confer to submit a single slate of nominees. The applicant must be a physician-scientist who is conducting clinical research in any disease area; has received an M.D. or a foreign equivalent from an accredited institution; is working in a U.S. degree-granting institution (but does not have to be a U.S. citizen); has a full-time faculty level position not higher than the assistant professor level; and was or will be appointed to their first full-time faculty level position between January 1, 2005, and January 1, 2010. (All full-time post-fellowship instructor-level positions will be considered full-time faculty level appointments.) There are no fellowship-level or research-associate level awards as part of the competition. Click here to view 2009 winners.


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5. New UF Honors Courses Program

Deadline: November 30, 2009

Award Amount: $2,000

The University Honors Program solicits proposals for new courses for the 2010-11 academic year. Honors courses are typically capped at 25 students and are usually (though not always) taught in a seminar format. Proposals should be for challenging, innovative, provocative classes that will pique the interest of the students and engage them in serious, thoughtful dialogue about the topics. Interdisciplinary and team-taught proposals are especially encouraged. The Honors Program is also interested in classes that take advantage of experiential or service learning opportunities. Eligibility: Tenure-track faculty from all disciplines are encouraged to submit proposals. The Honors Program seeks a broad spectrum of topics from all colleges of the university. No area is off-limits; they invite you to push the boundaries for our students. Of particular interest are courses that cut across disciplines that are usually considered to be unrelated; for example, a class integrating a science with fine art or a humanities area.

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6. Social Entrepreneurs Fellowship

Deadline: December 2, 2009

Award Amount: $60,000 for individuals and $90,000 for partnerships of two people) in seed funding over two years.

Echoing Green seeks individuals or partnerships (organizations led by two people) with innovative solutions to significant social problems; strategies to create high-impact, sustainable change in people’s lives; and the ability to grow and lead a new organization. The application process is open to citizens of all nationalities working in any country. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older, and must have sufficient English fluency to participate in interviews and Echoing Green events. Organizations must be the original idea of the applicant, and must be independent and autonomous. (Organizations cannot be considered independent or autonomous if they are started under the direction of an existing organization.) Organizations must be in a start-up phase. To be considered a start-up, the applicant may have been running the organization full-time for approximately two years, and Echoing Green’s financial support should qualify it as a major/primary early funder. Applicants who have only worked on their organization on a part-time basis or have yet to start an organization are generally considered eligible.
Applicants must make a full-time commitment to the organization's development. Click here to view 2009 fellows. 
http://www.echoinggreen.org/

7. Undergraduate Fellowships in Environmental Fields of Study

Deadline: December 10, 2009

Award Amount: up to $19,250 per year of academic support and up to $8,000 of internship support for a three-month summer period

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as part of its Greater Research Opportunities (GRO) program, is offering Greater Research Opportunities (GRO) undergraduate fellowships for bachelor level students in environmental fields of study. Eligible students will receive support for their junior and senior years of undergraduate study and for an internship at an EPA facility during the summer between their junior and senior years. The planned course of study MUST focus on one or more of the following areas of environmental significance and MUST describe the relationship of these topic areas to the statutorily required purpose of pollution prevention and/or control.

1. Natural and Life Sciences,
2. Environmental Science and Interdisciplinary Engineering,
3. Social Sciences and Decision Making,
4. Physical Sciences,


8. Brain Tumor Research Fellowships

Deadline: January 8, 2010

Award Amount: Research Fellowships $80,000 over two years; Translational Research $75,000 for one year.

The American Brain Tumor Association is accepting applications for its 2010 Basic Research Fellowship and Translational Research Grant programs. ABTA Basic Research Fellowships are two-year training awards that support the salaries of young researchers entering the field of brain tumor research. Often the first award of a researcher’s career, the fellowship provides the opportunity for young, bright, and motivated investigators to learn from mentors. Fellowship Eligibility: MD must be within two years of residency completion or within five years post residency training as of July 1, 2010. OR: PhDs will have their doctorate by January 1, 2010 and will have no more than five years post doctoral laboratory experience by July 1, 2010. If candidate has multiple post doctoral degrees, the last conferred postdoctoral degree will be used to determine eligibility.

http://www.abta.org/Research_Progress/2010_Funding_Opportunities/292

9. Summer Residency in France for Artists and Scholars

Deadline: January 15, 2010

Award Amount: Terra Summer Residency fellows are awarded a stipend of $5,000 and artists receive an additional $200 for the purchase of materials.
The Terra Foundation for American Art offers ten summer fellowships to artists and scholars from the United States and Europe. These fellowships are awarded to artists who have completed their studies at the Master's level and to doctoral students engaged in research on American art (from the eighteenth century to the 1980s). During their eight week stay, senior artists and art historians are in residence to mentor fellows and pursue their own work. Each Terra Summer Residency Fellow is provided with lodging and study or studio space, daily lunches, and a program consisting of independent study, meetings, and seminar. Applicants must be nominated by a professor at an academic institution. Such nominees must fall within one of the two following categories: American and European doctoral candidates researching a subject that contains a significant American art component, or that examines artistic exchange between America and Europe. Candidates should be at an advanced stage of their doctoral research and writing. American and European artists who have completed a Master's program (or its equivalent) in mixed media and/or painting. Preference is given to applicants who completed a Master's program within the past five years. All applicants are expected to be fluent in English. Knowledge of French is desirable, but not required. Click here to view previous fellows.

http://terraamericanart.org/news/index.asp?key=64&subkey=1617

10. Biomedical Engineering Fellows and Scholars Program

Deadline: January 25, 2010

Award Amount: Round trip international airfare, A monthly living stipend, Health &Accident insurance; Fellows Only: Tuition allowance up to a maximum amount (to be determined by program administrators, typically no greater than $25,000)

The Whitaker International Fellows and Scholars Program sends emerging leaders in U.S. biomedical engineering (or bioengineering) to undertake a self-designed project that will enhance their own careers within the field. The Program consists of two branches: Whitaker Fellows and Whitaker Scholars. Whitaker Fellows are biomedical engineers (or bioengineers, which is considered synonymous) ranging from graduating seniors to those conducting doctoral studies. Fellows should have a BS or MS degree in biomedical engineering. Whitaker Scholars are biomedical engineers who have/will have a PhD by the beginning date of their awards. Applicants are eligible ONLY for one or the other (depending on their academic level. Scholars should have a degree in biomedical engineering and a doctorate (which may not have been obtained more than three years prior to the start of the grant) OR will receive the PhD prior the start of the grant.

http://www.whitaker.org/program-overview

11. Researching Violence and Aggression Fellowships

Deadline: February 1, 2010

Award Amount: $15,000-$30,000

The Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation sponsors scholarly research on problems of violence, aggression, and dominance. The foundation provides both research grants to established scholars and dissertation fellowships to graduate students during the dissertation-writing year. The research grants program welcomes proposals from any of the natural and social sciences and the humanities that promise to increase understanding of the causes, manifestations, and control of violence, aggression, and dominance. Highest priority is given to research that can increase understanding and amelioration of urgent problems of violence, aggression, and dominance in the modern world. Click here to view past grants.

http://www.hfg.org/index.html
12. High Quality Professional Development Program for Faculty

Deadline: February 1, 2010

Award Amount: $2,000

The National Education Association's Learning and Leadership Grants support public school teachers, public education support professionals, and/or faculty and staff in public institutions of higher education for one of the following two purposes:

- Grants to individuals fund participation in high-quality professional development experiences, such as summer institutes or action research; or
- Grants to groups fund collegial study, including study groups, action research, lesson study, or mentoring experiences for faculty or staff new to an assignment.

All professional development must improve practice, curriculum, and student achievement. "One-shot" professional growth experiences, such as attending a national conference or engaging a professional speaker, are discouraged. Decisions regarding the content of the professional growth activities must be based upon an assessment of student work undertaken with colleagues, and must be integrated into the institutional planning process. Eligibility: Applicants must be practicing U.S:

- public school teachers in grades PreK-12;
- public school education support professionals, or;
- faculty and staff at public higher education institutions.

http://www.neafoundation.org/pages/educators/grant-programs/grant-application/learning-and-leadership/

13. Non Profit Development Program

Deadline: March 1, 2010

Award Amount: $3,000

The National Academy of Social Insurance's Nathan J. Stark Internship for Nonprofit Development will provide two students with the opportunity to learn about nonprofit organizations, how they work, how they raise funds, and how they make a difference. Interns will be based at the National Academy of Social Insurance or another nonprofit organization, the National Health Policy Forum. Each summer, two students interested in a career in the nonprofit sector will be awarded an internship. The interns come to Washington, D.C., for twelve weeks during the summer semester. The internship includes a $3,000 honorarium and the opportunity to participate in a series of seminars and programs. International students with valid student visas can be placed with these nongovernmental organizations, if placement projects match their skills and interests. The Eligibility: outstanding graduate and upper division undergraduate students.

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