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

1. Post Doc Digital Research Fellow

Deadline: November 20, 2009
Award Amount: $10,000

Emory University Libraries invites applications for a 12 month postdoctoral Research Fellow to work on a digital scholarship planning grant funded by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. This project will pursue the further development of Emory's Digital Scholarship Commons (DiSC) and explore the evolving structural role of research libraries in the digital scholarship domain. A new organizational model, as envisioned by Emory through DiSC, will address the four foci of digital scholarship: scholarly communications, research resources, pedagogy, and ethics. Emory and its team of advisors will assess the intellectual, organizational, operational, and financial implications of this new model of scholarly research and production. At the end of this planning grant, the Emory Libraries will propose new directions for research libraries in providing models for supporting, facilitating, and sustaining digital scholarship. At the end of the year, the Fellow will have gained sufficient experience and insight to guide the development of a new digital scholarship program at another institution. The Research Fellow will assist the Principal Investigator (PI) with outreach and collaboration with faculty, coordinating Advisory Group communication and participation, event planning, and organizing site visits to peer institutions. The Fellow will support the PI in collecting and analyzing data and feedback on digital scholarship models and organizations and engage in documentation and reporting. The Fellow will actively engage in the process of course and curriculum development for the digital scholarship and media studies certificate program lead by the Emory University Libraries and the Graduate School's Institute for Liberal Arts. Required: Experience with digital scholarship projects and initiatives, advanced humanities research experience, subject expertise, and strong written and verbal communication skills. Must have successfully defended the dissertation. Recommended: Experience with collaborative projects, experience with managing project timelines and budget.

http://web.library.emory.edu/services/hr/PostDocResearchFellow1.html

2. Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections Projects

Deadline: December 8, 2009
Award Amount: $40,000 for two year planning and evaluation projects; up to $400,000 for five year implementation projects.

The National Endowment for the Humanities Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections program invites proposals that explore and implement energy-efficient and cost-effective preventive conservation measures designed to mitigate the greatest risks to collections. To help institutions develop sound preventive conservation projects, NEH encourages collaborative and interdisciplinary planning, which may be especially helpful for identifying sustainable strategies. Such planning would include consideration of the
following factors: the nature of the materials in a collection; the performance of the building, its envelope, and its systems in moderating internal environmental conditions; the capabilities of the institution; the nature of the local climate and the effects of climate change; the cost-effectiveness and energy efficiency of various approaches to preventive conservation; and the project's impact on the environment. Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections offers two kinds of awards:

Grants for Planning and Evaluation: To help an institution develop and assess preventive conservation strategies, grants will help support planning and evaluation projects, which may encompass such activities as site visits, planning sessions, monitoring, testing, project-specific research, and preliminary designs for implementation projects.

Grants for Implementation: To help an institution implement a preventive conservation project. Implementation projects should be based on planning that has been specific to the needs of the institution and its collections within the context of its local environment.

Any U.S. nonprofit organization is eligible, as are state and local governmental agencies and tribal governments.

http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/SCHC.html#awardinfo

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3. Excellence in Business Librarianship Award

Deadline: December 15, 2009

Award Amount: $3,000

The American Library Association's Gale Cengage Learning Award for Excellence in Business Librarianship is presented to an individual who has made a significant contribution to business librarianship. Applicants for this award will be evaluated based on their contribution to the field of business librarianship. These contributions may include, but are not limited to: authorship of a seminal book or articles in business librarianship; development of an imaginative and successful program centered around business within a library; teaching business librarianship in a particularly creative and substantive manner; and displaying strong leadership in a professional association geared to business librarianship. Written letters of nomination should be submitted to the award committee chair. These letters must clearly state the contributions of the nominee in the field of business librarianship, and must explain the significance of these contributions and the magnitude of their influence. Self-nominations are accepted.

http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/rusa/awards/businesslib/index.cfm

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4. Advancing Librarianship in Developing Countries of Africa, Asia and Oceania and Latin America and the Caribbean Program

Deadline: December 31, 2009

Award Amount: $18,000

The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions' (IFLA) Action for Development through Libraries Program (ALP) is accepting applications for projects that support librarians, library associations, and library schools within the five special program areas. The five special program areas of ALP are:
- Continuing education and training;
- Development of library associations;
- Libraries as promoters of information literacy and lifelong learning, and combating functional illiteracy;
- The use of ICT and creation of local electronic resources;
- Increase of publishing activities and the dissemination of information to the communities, with special attention to marginalized groups.

The scope of ALP is wide. Therefore, cooperation with relevant IFLA professional bodies, as well as with regional and international organizations, is essential to carry out the programme. Project applications may be made to the ALP Programme for support to librarians, library associations, library schools, or others who want to develop cooperation, knowledge, and services within the special programme areas of ALP. Projects should be relevant to several countries in the sub-region or region; or, if national in scope, they should lend themselves to development as a model or pilot project and be capable of being repeated in other countries. Academic Institutions, Nonprofits, and Ph.D./M.D./Other Professionals are eligible to apply. Click here to view past and present projects.

http://archive.ifla.org/VI/1/admin/general.htm#3

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5. America's Historical and Cultural Humanities Projects

Deadline: January 13, 2010

Award Amount: $400,000; awards of up to $1,000,000 are available for Chairman's Special Award projects

The National Endowment for the Humanities' America's Historical and Cultural Organizations grants support projects in the humanities that explore stories, ideas, and beliefs that deepen our understanding of our lives and our world. The Division of Public Programs supports the development of humanities content and interactivity that excite, inform, and stir thoughtful reflection upon culture, identity, and history in creative and new ways. Grants for America's Historical and Cultural Organizations should encourage dialogue, discussion, and civic engagement, and they should foster learning among people of all ages. To that end, the Division of Public Programs urges applicants to consider more than one format for presenting humanities ideas to the public. Planning grants are available for projects that may need further development before applying for implementation. Implementation grants support the final preparation of a project for presentation to the public. Applications that make innovative use of emerging technologies are encouraged.

The program also supports Chairman's Special Award projects. These are more complex projects of national visibility that would be of compelling interest to the general public, show exceptional promise of dealing with important humanities ideas in new ways, and are likely to reach large audiences. These goals can be accomplished through combining a variety of program formats, forming creative collaborations among diverse institutions, and expanding the scope and reach of the project.

Any U.S. nonprofit organization with IRS 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status is eligible, as are state and local governmental agencies. Eligible institutions include but are not limited to public, school, academic, and research libraries; museums; disciplinary and professional associations; cultural institutions; state humanities councils; and institutions of higher learning.

http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/AHCO_ImplementationGuidelines.html#program
6. Measuring and Evaluating the Impact of School Library Media Programs on Learning and Education Innovative Projects

Deadline: February 1, 2010

Award Amount: $2,500

The American Association of School Libraries (AASL) Research Grants are given to school library media specialists, library educators, library information science, or education professors to conduct innovative research aimed at measuring and evaluating the impact of school library media programs on learning and education. The study should have the potential to serve as a model for future school library media research, and researchers should furnish documentation of the results of their work. Special consideration will be given to pilot research studies that employ experimental methodologies. Winners of AASL Research Grants will be expected to present the results of their projects at the ALA Annual Conference in the year following the year of their grant (e.g. if the grant is awarded in 2010, the winner(s) will present a program at the 2011 ALA Annual Conference in.). Winners will also be expected to publish a summary of their findings in School Library Media Research (formerly School Library Media Quarterly) and/or Knowledge Quest.

http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/aasl/aaslawards/researchgrant/researchgrant.cfm

7. Research in the Field of Audiovisual Cataloging Projects

Deadline: March 1, 2010

Award Amount: up to $2,000

The Online Audiovisual Catalogers (OLAC) research grant is awarded annually to encourage research in the field of audiovisual cataloging. Grant recipients are expected to present the OLAC Executive Board with an interim report within one year of the date of receipt of the grant. Recipients are also expected to present their findings at the next OLAC Biennial Meeting following the grant period, and may wish to also pursue other presentation and/or publication opportunities. The grant winner may be asked to serve on the selection committee the following year. ELIGIBILITY: Current personal member of OLAC.

http://www.olacinc.org/drupal/?q=node/407

II. Funding for Organizations and Academic Institutions

1. Promote and Enable Wildlife Conservation Through Partnerships With Scientists and Educators Project

Deadline: Letters of Inquiry: January 1, 2010

Award Amount: $25,000

The Disney Worldwide Conservation Fund, a part of Worldwide Outreach of the Walt Disney Company, seeks to promote and enable wildlife conservation through partnerships with scientists, educators, and organizations committed to preserving earth's biodiversity. The fund's interests are in furthering the support of established conservation programs — particularly those long-term in nature — that contain a strong in situ component (scientific field studies); promote education, awareness, and training in country (education programs); and demonstrate a marked benefit to in-country participants, habitats, and species by working with local communities, regional/national NGOs, or governments that directly impact the initiative. While the fund encourages global
projects, it will direct funding only to organizations that have U.S. 501(c)(3) nonprofit status. Non-governmental organizations outside the United States can apply in partnership with a U.S. organization.

http://www.dwcf-rfp.com/

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2. Innovations and Advances in Computational Thinking Projects

Deadline: January 4, 2010

Award Amount: $130,000-$1,000,000

The National Science Foundation’s Cyber-Enabled Discovery and Innovation Program seeks ambitious, transformative, multidisciplinary research proposals within or across the following three thematic areas:

- From Data to Knowledge: enhancing human cognition and generating new knowledge from a wealth of heterogeneous digital data;
- Understanding Complexity in Natural, Built, and Social Systems: deriving fundamental insights on systems comprising multiple interacting elements; and
- Virtual Organizations: enhancing discovery and innovation by bringing people and resources together across institutional, geographical and cultural boundaries.

With an emphasis on bold multidisciplinary activities that, through computational thinking, promise radical, paradigm-changing research findings, CDI promotes transformative research within NSF. Accordingly, investigators are encouraged to come together in the development of far-reaching, high-risk science and engineering research and education agendas that capitalize on innovations in, and/or innovative use of, computational thinking. Research and education efforts around the world are beginning to address various aspects of the CDI themes, and CDI projects are expected to build upon productive intellectual partnerships involving investigators from academia, industry and/or other types of organizations, including international entities, that advance CDI objectives within the rapidly evolving global context. Proposals may only be submitted by the following: 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. Such organizations also are referred to as academic institutions. Click here to view abstracts of recent awards made through this program.

http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=503163&org=EHR&from=home

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3. Improving and Strengthening Instruction in Modern Foreign Language Projects

Deadline: January 12, 2010

Award Amount: $50,000-$200,000

The U.S. Department of Education’s International Research Studies (IRS) Program provides grants to conduct research and studies to improve and strengthen instruction in Modern Foreign Languages, area studies, and other international fields. Eligible applicants are: Public and Private agencies, organizations, institutions and individuals. There are two competitive preference priorities:

1. Instructional Materials Applications: the development of specialized instructional or assessment materials focused on any of the seventy eight languages on the US Dept of Educations’ list of less commonly taught languages. List of Less Commonly Taught
Languages (LCTLs): Akan (Twi-Fante), Albanian, Amharic, Arabic (all dialects), Armenian, Azeri (Azerbaijani), Balochi, Bamanankan (Bamana, Bambara, Mandikan, Mandingo, Maninka, Dyula), Belarussian, Bengali (Bangla), Berber (all languages), Bosnian, Bulgarian, Burmese, Cebuano (Visayan), Chechen, Chinese (Cantonese), Chinese (Gan), Chinese (Mandarin), Chinese (Min), Chinese (Wu), Croatian, Dari, Dinka, Georgian, Gujarati, Hausa, Hebrew (Modern), Hindi, Igbo, Indonesian, Japanese, Javanese, Kannada, Kashmiri, Kazakh, Khmer (Cambodian), Kirghiz, Korean, Kurdish (Kurmanji), Kurdish (Sorani), Lao, Malay (Bahasa Melayu or Malaysian), Malayalam, Marathi, Mongolian, Nepali, Oromo, Panjabi, Pashto, Persian (Farsi), Polish, Portuguese (all varieties), Quechua, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Sinhala (Sinhalese), Somali, Swahili, Tagalog, Tajik, Tamil, Telugu, Thai, Tibetan, Tigrigna, Turkish, Turkmen, Ukrainian, Urdu, Uyghur/Uigur, Uzbek, Vietnamese, Wolof, Xhosa, Yoruba, and Zulu.

2. Research, surveys, and studies applications- Research, surveys, or studies relating to current needs for improving internationalization (including foreign language instruction, area studies, and international studies) in Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Predominantly Black Institutions (PBIs), Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs), Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs), Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-serving Institutions (AANAPISIs), Native American-serving Nontribal Institutions (NASNTIs), or Alaskan Native and/or Native Hawaiian Institutions.


III. Funding for Individuals

1. Researching Physics in Solid Earth Fellowships

Deadline: December 5, 2009

Award Amount: $190,000

The National Science Foundation's Geophysics Program supports basic research in the physics of the solid earth to explore its composition, structure, and processes. Laboratory, field, theoretical, and computational studies are supported. Topics include seismicity, seismic wave propagation, and the nature and occurrence of earthquakes; the earth's magnetic, gravity, and electrical fields; the earth's thermal structure; and geodynamics. Supported research also includes geophysical studies of active deformation, including geodesy, and studies of the properties and behavior of earth materials in support of geophysical observation and theory. NSF welcomes proposals on behalf of all qualified scientists, engineers and educators. The Foundation strongly encourages women, minorities and persons with disabilities to participate fully in its programs. Click here to view abstract from recent awards made through this program.


2. East Asia and Pacific Summer Institutes for U.S. Graduate Students

Deadline: December 9, 2009

Award Amount: $5,000 stipend, a roundtrip international airline ticket, and will be supported to attend a pre-departure orientation in the Washington, D.C. area. Foreign co-sponsoring organizations will provide additional support to cover EAPSI students' living expenses abroad during the period of the summer institutes, and will provide an in-country orientation to the science environment and culture(s) of each location.
The National Science Foundation's East Asia and Pacific Summer Institutes (EAPSI) provide U.S. graduate students in science and engineering: 1) first-hand research experiences in Australia, China, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Singapore or Taiwan; 2) an introduction to the science, science policy, and scientific infrastructure of the respective location; and 3) an orientation to the society, culture and language. The primary goals of EAPSI are to introduce students to East Asia and Pacific science and engineering in the context of a research setting, and to help students initiate scientific relationships that will better enable future collaboration with foreign counterparts. All institutes, except Japan, last approximately eight weeks from June to August. Japan lasts approximately ten weeks from June to August (specific dates are available and updated at http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5284).

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3. West African Pre-Doctoral Fellowships
Deadline: January 2, 2009

Award Amount: Round trip travel to Africa and $3,000.

The West African Research Center invites applications from graduate students for the WARA Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, for research in West Africa during the summer of 2010. Awardees will conduct research for a two to three month period in order to 1) prepare a doctoral research proposal; or 2) carry out research related to the completion of another terminal degree program (e.g. MFA or MPH). Funded through the bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. State Department, this competition is open to U.S. citizens who are currently enrolled in graduate programs at institutions of higher education in the United States. It is advisable that applicants be conversant in an African language spoken where they will be conducting research. Priority will be given to applicants who are at the predissertation stage, that is, who will be returning to their institution to complete course work, exams, etc. before beginning their fieldwork.


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4. West African Post-Doctoral Fellowships
Deadline: January 2, 2009

Award Amount: Round trip travel to Africa and $3,000.

The West African Research Center announces its Post-Doctoral Fellowship for research in West Africa during the summer of 2010 fellowship. Awardees will conduct research for a two to three month period in order to 1) complete or elaborate upon an earlier project; 2) initiate a new research project; or 3) enhance their understanding of a particular topic in order to improve teaching effectiveness or broaden course offerings. Funded through the bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. State Department, this competition is open to U.S. citizens already holding a Ph.D. who are currently affiliated with an academic institution or who work in another related domain (e.g. public health or museology). All applicants must have been affiliated with an institution of higher education or research within the last three years. It is advisable that applicants be conversant in an African language spoken where they will be conducting research.


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5. Long Term Research in Environmental Biology
Deadline: January 9, 2010

Award Amount: $90,000 per year (direct and indirect costs) and $450,000 over a 5-year (60 month) effort

The National Science Foundation's Long Term Research in Environmental Biology (LTREB) encourages the submission of proposals aimed at generating extended time series of biological and environmental data that address ecological and evolutionary processes aimed at resolving important issues in environmental biology. Researchers must have collected at least six years of previous data to qualify for funding. The proposal also must present a cohesive conceptual rationale or framework for ten years of research. Questions or hypotheses outlined in this conceptual framework must guide an initial 5-year proposal as well as a subsequent, abbreviated renewal. Together, these will constitute a decadal research plan appropriate to begin to address critical and novel long-term questions in environmental biology. As part of the requirements for funding, projects must show how collected data will be shared broadly with the scientific community and the interested public. NSF welcomes proposals on behalf of all qualified scientists, engineers and educators. The Foundation strongly encourages women, minorities and persons with disabilities to participate fully in its programs.


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6. Researching the Arctic

Deadline: January 14, 2010

Award Amount: $400,000

The National Science Foundation invites investigators at U.S. organizations to submit proposals to conduct research about the Arctic. Arctic research includes field and modeling studies and data analysis in and about the arctic region. Proposals may only be submitted by the U.S. Organizations. proposals should discuss how their results would contribute to an understanding of the arctic environment. Thus, while it is perfectly acceptable to propose a study of a relatively narrow disciplinary scope, an effort should also be made to explain how one would transfer the results to broader areas of research. Thus, the Arctic Sciences Division encourages proposals that focus on arctic phenomena and provide hypothesis-driven tests to produce the understanding needed to develop predictive tools based on first principles. Proposals to perform long term observations are best submitted to the Arctic Observing Network Program (AON). Similarly, proposals that treat generic processes that could be studied outside the Arctic are more appropriate to other programs within the Foundation. Proposers are encouraged to contact a program director if they have questions about the fit of a given research topic. Click here to view Abstracts of recent awards made through this program.


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7. Humanities Long Term Fellowships

Deadline: January 15, 2009

Award Amount: $40,000

The American Antiquarian Society/National Endowment for the Humanities offers Long Term Visiting Academic Research Fellowships for persons who have already completed their formal professional training. Degree candidates and persons seeking support for work in pursuit of a degree may not hold AAS-NEH fellowships. These residencies in Worcester provide an opportunity not only for research in collections that are extraordinarily deep
but also for collegial discussion with staff and other fellows, faculty in area colleges and universities, and other scholars visiting AAS from all over the United States and abroad. Hundreds of books and articles, some of them winners of major prizes, including the Pulitzer and Bancroft, have stemmed from AAS fellowships. Foreign nationals who have been residents in the United States for at least three years immediately preceding the application deadline for the fellowship are eligible. Preference will be given to individuals who have not held long-term fellowships during the three years preceding the period for which the application is being made. Click here to view current fellows and their projects.

http://www.americanantiquarian.org/longterm.htm

8. Doctoral Dissertation Research in Linguistics

Deadline: January 15, 2010

Award Amount: $12,000

The National Science Foundation supports scientific research of all types that focus on human language as an object of investigation. The program supports research on the syntactic, semantic, phonetic, and phonological properties of individual languages and of language in general; the psychological processes involved in the use of language; the development of linguistic capacities in children; social and cultural factors in language use, variation, and change; the acoustics of speech and the physiological and psychological processes involved in the production and perception of speech; and the biological bases of language in the brain. Proposals may only be submitted by the following: The student must be enrolled at a U.S. academic institution, but need not be a U.S. citizen. Proposals from women, minorities, and persons with disabilities are strongly encouraged. PI Limit: The proposal must be submitted by the dissertation advisor(s) on behalf of the graduate student who is at the point of initiating or already conducting dissertation research.

http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/bcs/ling/suppdiss.jsp

9. Research Fellowships in Colonial and U.S. History and Culture

Deadline: March 1, 2010

Award Amount: $2,000

The Library Company of Philadelphia and The Historical Society of Pennsylvania jointly award fellowships for research in residence in their collections, which contain printed materials relating to all aspects of American history and culture up to about 1880. These fellowships support advanced, post-doctoral, or dissertation research. Click here to view current fellows.

http://www.librarycompany.org/fellowships/american.htm

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