News & Announcements

Office of Research Solicits Concept Papers – Due June 2, 2014. UL Lafayette has contracted with McAllister and Quinn, a consulting firm that has a grant writing team made up of more than 100 experienced professionals who have extensive backgrounds in the federal government and each have specific areas of expertise—all have written successful grants throughout their careers. Through this engagement, McAllister and Quinn will assist the University in developing and writing a handful of large scale, multidisciplinary proposals in areas of strategic importance. As a first step, we had a productive series of meetings with Andy Quinn of McAllister & Quinn on Monday, December 2nd and Tuesday, December 3rd 2013. During that meeting, in addition to introducing the firm, explaining their services, and meeting UL Lafayette faculty and staff, Andy described a two-page “concept paper” process that will enable an interested faculty or staff member to present an idea (or ideas) for consideration as a project to be submitted as a grant proposal to an external funding agency with full grant writing support of their firm. At this time, the Office of Research is soliciting Concept Papers from all interested faculty and staff. After review of the Concept Papers submitted, McAllister and Quinn will provide four to eight federal and/or foundation grants or contract recommendations for the University to receive full grant writing support through this engagement. For those Concept Papers not selected, McAllister and Quinn will provide suggestions regarding possible grant programs that we can pursue separately. The suggested format for the Concept Paper can be found at http://vpresearch.louisiana.edu/sites/research/files/ConceptPaperULLaf.docx. If you are interested in participating in this process, please complete the attached form and submit via email to me at rwl@louisiana.edu by June 2, 2014. Whether you attended the December sessions or not, you can still present a Concept Paper. Also, if you have more than one project that you think would be of interest, feel free to submit more than one Concept Paper. Remember that we are looking for large scale, multidisciplinary projects to leverage the expertise of McAllister and Quinn most effectively through this engagement. Should you have any questions about this process, feel free to contact Ruth Landry at rwl@louisiana.edu or 2-5811.

Funding Opportunities of the Week

Arts & Humanities

Terra Foundation for American Art: Exhibition Program Grants. The Terra Foundation for American Art supports exhibitions that enlarge the understanding and appreciation of historical American art made between 1500 and 1980. To be eligible for funding, exhibitions that take place internationally or in Chicago may be aimed at the general public, scholars, or both; exhibitions that take place only in the United States, but outside of Chicago, must present historical American art in an international context and reach a scholarly audience. Due: 08/01/2014; 03/02/2015.

Link: http://www.terraamericanart.org/grants/exhibition-program/
Sloan (Alfred P.) Foundation: *Public Understanding of Science, Technology, and Economics*. This program seeks to bridge the two cultures the humanities and the sciences through support of books, radio, film, television, theatre, and new media to reach a wide, non-specialized audience. Due: N/A.


### Education, Health, Social Science, & Service

**Sponsor: National Institute of Justice/Department of Justice: Information Sharing and Its Effect on Tracking Sex Offenders and Community Awareness: Examining a Key Function of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA).**

This solicitation seeks applications for funding for innovative and creative research that examines information sharing and how it has evolved since implementation of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act. Specifically, NIJ is interested in assessing how information sharing has changed how criminal justice agents, for example, law enforcement, public safety administrators, correctional administrators, and prosecutors, track, monitor, and prosecute offenders; what types of information are collected and shared; how the public accesses and uses information about sex offenders in their community; and the cost of inter- and intra-jurisdictional information sharing. Due: 07/07/2014.

Link: [https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl001125.pdf](https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl001125.pdf)

**Economic Research Services/Department of Agriculture: Center for Behavioral Economics and Healthy Food Choice Research.** Economic Research Service (ERS) invites proposals for a competitive grant award to establish a new USDA Center for Behavioral Economics and Healthy Food Choice Research. The USDA Center will (1) establish a program of new and innovative research applying behavioral economics theory to food choice behavior as described above; (2) broaden the network of social scientists who participate in research that applies principles and theories of behavioral economics to the study of food choice behaviors that will lead to improvement of nutrition, food security, and health outcomes; and (3) disseminate information obtained via its research program to a diverse stakeholder audience, including other researchers, policy and program officials, and the general public. ERS anticipates having available a total of approximately $1.9 million to fund the USDA Center for Behavioral Economics and Healthy Food Choice Research. Due: 06/30/2014.


**William T. Grant Foundation: William T. Grant Scholars.** The Foundation supports research to reduce disparities in the academic, behavioral, social, and economic outcomes of young people. Inequality on the basis of economic, race/ethnic, linguistic, and immigrant origins is pervasive in the United States. As our nation’s population becomes increasingly diverse, ensuring the success of young people from all backgrounds has become not only a moral aim but a matter of economic security. The Foundation also funds studies of how policymakers and practitioners acquire, interpret, and use research to improve programs, policies, and practices that support youth development. Despite significant efforts to improve research and encourage its use, the role of research evidence in decision-making remains modest. We seek a more informed understanding of how to strengthen the use and usefulness of research. The William T. Grant Scholars Program supports promising early-career researchers from diverse disciplines, who have demonstrated success in conducting high-quality research and are seeking to further develop and broaden their expertise. Candidates are nominated by a supporting institution and must submit five-year research plans that demonstrate creativity, intellectual rigor, and a commitment to continued professional development. Every year, four to six William T. Grant Scholars are selected and each receives $350,000 distributed over a five-year period. Due: 07/09/2014.

Link: [http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org/funding_opportunities/fellowships/william_t__grant_scholars](http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org/funding_opportunities/fellowships/william_t__grant_scholars)
Funding Notice

May 8, 2014

AMBRF/Foundation for Alcohol Research: RFP. The AMBRF/Foundation for Alcohol Research is inviting applications for grants in support of research on the effects of alcohol consumption on health and behavior. The foundation encourages basic and clinical research, including epidemiology. Examples of research topics include factors influencing underage drinking, mechanisms of alcohol-related organ injury, fetal alcohol spectrum disorders, and effects of alcohol on general health. Areas of particular interest include studies on how particular patterns of consumption (quantity of alcohol consumed, types of alcoholic beverages consumed, frequency of consumption, and context) are related to health and behavioral outcomes; and interdisciplinary, bioinformatics, and other approaches to genetic and environmental factors that influence the patterns of consumption of alcoholic beverages and related consequences. The foundation does not support research on treatment of the complications of advanced alcoholism. However, research involving treatment paradigms intended to elucidate the pathogenesis of alcohol-related problems will be considered. Grants are made to academic and research institutions (not individuals) in the United States, Canada, and South Africa. Priority is given to projects led by young investigators, but the foundation does not support students or trainees in pre- or postdoctoral programs. Grants are awarded for either one or two years, for a maximum of up to $75,000 for each of the years. Due: 02/15/2015.

Link: http://www.abmrf.org/grant_program

Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics

National Center for Preparedness, Detection, and Control of Infectious Diseases/CDC/DHHS: Enhancing Situational Awareness, Surveillance, Detection, Risk Assessment and Response Activities Using a Mapping and Visualization Tool (U2G). CDCs Division of Global Migration and Quarantine (DGMQ) is focused on infectious diseases among immigrants, refugees, international travelers, and other globally mobile populations that pose a health risk to these individuals and their families and a public health risk to the U.S. DGMQ programs work to improve the health of migrating and foreign-born populations through public health partnerships, science, and response. DGMQ is looking for new approaches to reach out to target populations and prevent the importation of infectious diseases. A total of approximately $20.0 million is available. Due: 05/27/2014; 06/30/2014. Link: http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=254790

Directorate for Computer and Information Sciences and Engineering/NSF: Wireless Innovation between Finland and US (WiFiUS). Given the success of the WiFiUS SAVI, NSF, Tekes, and the Academy of Finland have agreed to embark on a collaborative research program to enlarge the SAVI effort and address compelling research challenges on novel frameworks, architectures, protocols, methodologies and tools for the design and analysis of robust and highly dependable wireless networks, including cognitive radio networks. This NSF solicitation parallels equivalent Tekes and Academy of Finland solicitations. Proposals submitted under this solicitation must describe joint research with Finnish counterparts who are requesting funding separately under the Tekes and/or Academy of Finland solicitations. Due: 08/01/2014. Link: http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2014/nsf14563/nsf14563.htm