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NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

New Type of Internal Funding
Eastern is beginning a new program of internal funding: the Proposal Initiative Fund (PIF). PIF grants are intended only for projects that will enhance the recipient’s chances of obtaining external funding. Applications are due May 16. For additional details, see the article on page 2.

Three-Year Summary of Grant Activity by Departments
At http://www.eiu.edu/~grants/RCA_Summary_Reports.php, ORSP has posted a summary of grant activity for the past three fiscal years. The report is organized by department and tracks both submission of proposals and receipt of grants.

Submissions and Awards
The listing on pages 4 - 6 recognizes everyone who received a grant or submitted a proposal for external funding during the second quarter of FY07.

Feature Grants
On page 7 read about the people honored at a reception for all recent recipients of internal or external funding.

Bob Chesnut
A new program of internal funding, the Proposal Initiative Fund (PIF), has been created to support projects with potential to lead to significant external funding. Eligible projects include—but are not limited to—research, creative activity, service, curriculum development, and outreach. Any university employee is welcome to apply for PIF support. Anyone who accepts a PIF grant will agree in writing to submit a proposal for external funding within 12 months of the end of the PIF grant. In some cases, a longer time may be allowed in order to accommodate the normal funding cycle of an agency. Priority will be given to applicants who include with their application an outline or rough draft of the proposal they plan to submit for external funding.

There are two types of PIF grants: Type A (maximum of $1,500) and Type B (maximum of $7,500). Applicants for Type A grants must demonstrate plans to apply for an external grant worth a total of at least $20,000. Applicants for Type B grants must demonstrate plans to apply for an external grant worth at least $50,000 per year. Each type of grant will carry an expiration date that coincides with the end of the fiscal year in which it is awarded.

The PIF program is subject to availability of funds. Total anticipated funding of PIF grants is $40,000 per year during FY 2008, 2009, and 2010. Total awards may be less than $40,000 in any given year if sufficiently strong proposals are not received.

There will be two rounds of PIF grant competitions per year. Proposals in Round 1 are due in May and lead to grants that begin in July. Proposals in Round 2 are due in November and lead to grants that begin in January. Grant funds awarded in either round must be expended by the end of the fiscal year in which they are awarded.

Application materials and complete program guidelines are available for download on the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs page at [http://www.eiu.edu/~grants/SIF_PIF.php](http://www.eiu.edu/~grants/SIF_PIF.php).

Eligible persons who wish to apply for a PIF grant should hand deliver one copy of their proposal to the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, 1102 Blair Hall, no later than noon (12 o’clock), Wednesday, May 16, 2007.

If you have any questions, please email Brad Green at bigreen@eiu.edu or call 581-2125.
The Council on Faculty Research (CFR) grant competition will be held in early September. The Council supports research and creative activity. Proposed projects must address a significant scholarly issue. All tenured/tenure track faculty in Bargaining Unit A and department chairs and associate chairs are eligible to submit in the Fall, 2007 competition. Beginning with awards made during the Fall, 2005 competition, any individual may receive only two consecutive Fall awards, after which the individual will be ineligible for a Fall award in the third year. Specifically, receipt of an award for the FY2006 and FY2007 competition will make an individual ineligible for an award in the FY2008 competition; eligibility will resume in the FY2009 competition. Eligible persons who wish to apply for funding from the CFR should hand-deliver one copy of their proposal to the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, 1102 Blair Hall, no later than noon, Wednesday, September 5, 2007. Researchers who have previously received a CFR grant and/or Summer Research Award should make sure a progress/final report is on file for each award in the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs. To obtain a copy of the application materials, please contact the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs at 581-2125, email bjgreen@eiu.edu, or visit our website at http://www.eiu.edu/~grants/OS_Forms.php. Applicants should be sure they use the most current application forms. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs at 581-2125.
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**GRANT PROPOSALS SUBMITTED**

**JANUARY—MARCH, 2007**

**Coons, Janice, Biological Sciences.** Comparison of Plant Species and Soil Traits at Sites Where Physaria ludoviciana is Present or Absent in Three States. Illinois Department of Natural Resources (Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund).

**Coons, Janice/Coutant, Nancy, Biological Sciences.** Distribution of Posters and Implementation of a Logo to Identify Native Plants Available for Landscaping. Illinois Department of Natural Resources (Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund).

**Coutant, Nancy/Coons, Janice, Biological Sciences.** Distribution of Brochures and Installation of Plaques for Gardens Demonstrating Illinois-adapted Native Plants. Illinois Department of Natural Resources (Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund).


**Crews, Daniel, Arts and Humanities Dean's Office.** IBHE Cooperative Work Study Program FY07. Illinois Board of Higher Education.

**Crews, Daniel, Arts and Humanities Dean's Office.** Illinois Arts Council - Celebration FY07 - STAR Program. Illinois Arts Council.

**Davidson, Eric, Heath Services.** CHOICES. National Collegiate Athletic Association.

**Davidson, Eric, Heath Services.** I Live Free Tobacco Free FY07. Southern Illinois University - Carbondale Center for Rural Health and Social Service Department.


**Fischer, Robert, Biological Sciences.** Using Geomorphology to Predict Fish Assemblages in Eastern Illinois Streams. Illinois Department of Natural Resources (Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund).

**Fischer, Robert, Biological Sciences.** Assessment of stream valley Segments as Determinants or Stream Habitat Quality. Illinois Department of Natural Resources (Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund).

**Gaines, Karen/Mullin, Stephen, Biological Sciences.** Potential Effects of Atrazine Pesticide Accumulation on Amphibian Restoration in a Small Wetland Nature Preserve. Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

**Irwin, Bonnie/Augustine, Robert, The Honors College/The Graduate School.** Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program. U.S. Department of Education.


**Meek, Bethany/Hickenbottom, JoEllen, School of Continuing Education.** North Central Conference on Summer Sessions. North Central Conference on Summer Sessions.

**Meiners, Scott, Biological Sciences.** REU Supplement - LTREB: Controls and consequences of exotic plant invasions in abandoned agricultural land. National Science Foundation.

**Meiners, Scott, Biological Sciences.** Causes and consequences of sugar maple expansion within Illinois' oak-hickory forests. Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

**Meiners, Scott, Biological Sciences.** RET Supplement - LTREB: Controls and consequences of exotic plant invasions in abandoned agricultural land. National Science Foundation.
GRANT PROPOSALS SUBMITTED (CONTINUED)

Methven, Andrew, Biological Sciences. Macrofungi associated with tree windfall in old growth prairie groves. Illinois Department of Natural Resources.


Peebles, Sean/Peebles, Rebecca, Chemistry. Structural Characterization of Ionic and Radical Complexes by High Resolution Spectroscopy. National Science Foundation.


Rogers, Ke'an/Roche, Denis, WEIU. FY07 Community Engagement Initiative. Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Rogers, Ke'an/Roche, Denis, WEIU. World War II: Stories from Central Illinois. Corporation for Public Broadcasting - National Center for Outreach.

Rogers, Ke'an/Roche, Denis, WEIU. NTIA/PTFP FY07 Master Control Equipment and Production Equipment Application. U.S. Department of Commerce NTIA/PTFP.

Rogers, Ke'an/Roche, Denis, WEIU. Dollar General Youth Literacy Grant. Dollar General.

Rogers, Ke'an/Roche, Denis, WEIU. NTIA/PTFP FY07 Stand By Power Generator Application. U.S. Department of Commerce NTIA/PTFP.

Rogers, Ke'an/Roche, Denis, WEIU. Nielsen Encoder Grant Program. Corporation for Public Broadcasting.


Wylie, Barbra, Peace Meal. Senior Nutrition Program FY07. (Champaign County) Victor A. Hoersch Elderly Services Trust.


Wylie, Barbra, Peace Meal. Senior Nutrition Program FY08. (Champaign County) City of Champaign Community Service.

Wylie, Barbra, Peace Meal. Senior Nutrition Program FY08. (Coles County) United Way of Coles County.

Wylie, Barbra, Peace Meal. Senior Nutrition Program FY08. (Dewitt County) United Way of Decatur and Mid-Illinois For Dewitt County.

Wylie, Barbra, Peace Meal. Senior Nutrition Program FY08. United Way of McLean County.

Wylie, Barbra, Peace Meal. Senior Nutrition Program FY08. (Livingston County) United Way of Pontiac.
Eastern Illinois University’s Graduate School and Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) recently honored dozens of individuals, including those responsible for bringing in $6.7 million in external funding during the 2006 Fiscal Year.

ORSP, which helps EIU faculty and staff with applications, negotiations and procurement of grant funding, co-sponsored a recognition reception, which recognized individuals from many different disciplines within the university. Although the projects differed widely in scope, all were consistent with the mission and role of the university, and included research, creative activity, acquisition of equipment, and public service.

Daniel Crews, College of Arts and Humanities, received the Edwin L. “Bud” May Award for his outstanding achievements in obtaining external funding. This award is given each year to a member of the university community who has demonstrated extraordinary success in securing external support for research, public service or creative activity.

Other honorees recognized for their efforts toward the acquisition of externally funded grants are David Bell, Douglas Bower, Kathleen Bower, Julie Chadd, Robert Chesnut, Larry Coblentz, Janice Coons, Nancy Coutant, Daniel Crews, Eric Davidson, Steven Di Naso, Jeanne Dau, Mona Davenport, Robert Fischer, Vince Gutowski, Mary Herrington-Perry, Diane Jackman, James Johnson, Zhiwei Liu, Stacy Knight-Davis, Johnson Kuma, Allen Lanham, Marylin Lisowski, Carl Lorber, Becky Markwell, Scott Meiners, Kathryn Morice, Stephen Mullin, Britto Nathan, Thomas Nelson, Nick Osborne, Thomas Over, Henry Owen, Jayne Ozier, Charles Pederson, Rebecca Peebles, Joy Pratte, Denis Roche, Richard Rossi, Paul Switzer, Jocelyn Tipton, Brent Todd, Michael Watts, Kraig Wheeler, and Barbra Wylie

ORSP also administers state-appropriated funds that the university internally allocates for research and creative activity. Those recipients also were recognized during the grants recognition reception.

Among those honored were the recipients of the Graduate Dean’s Awards of Excellence – awards presented to the individuals who submit the most highly rated proposals for internal funding. The recipient of the award for best proposal in the 2006-2007 competition for Council on Faculty Research funding was Stephen Mullin, associate professor of biological sciences. Scott Meiners, associate professor of biological sciences, received the Graduate Dean’s Award for his 2006 Summer Research proposal.

Recipients of the 2006 Summer Research and Creative Activity Grants, supporting projects carried out during the summer of 2006 are Eric Bollinger, Gary Bulla, Jenny Chi, Tim Engles, Karen Gaines, Linda Ghent, Christopher Hanlon, Ruth Hoberman, Bill Joyce, Hui Li, Marina Marjanovic, Pat McCallister, Francine McGregor, Scott Meiners, Jyoti Panjwani, Debra Reid, Jad Smith, Mukti Upadhyay, Angela Vietto, and Keith Wright.
Recipients of the 2006-2007 Council on Faculty Research Grants are Angela Aguayo, Lilian Barria, Trina Becker, Gary Bulla, Craig Chesner, Jeffrey Laursen, Zhiwei Liu, Scott Meiners, Stephen Mullin, James Novak, Gopal Periyannan, Steven Roper, and Keith Wright. These grants supported projects conducted during the 2006-2007 academic year and, in many cases, included student participation.