NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

New Type of Internal Funding
Grants from the Proposal Initiative Fund (PIF) are available for enhancing the recipient’s chances of obtaining external funding. Applications for the next round of PIF funding are due May 14, 2008.

Submissions and Awards
The listing on pages 3-5 recognizes everyone who received a grant or submitted a proposal for external funding during the second quarter of FY08.

Feature Grants
On page 6-7 read about the people honored at a reception for all recent recipients of internal or external funding.

Bob Chesnut
2008 Summer Research/Creative Activity Awards

The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs and the Council on Faculty Research would like to congratulate the faculty members who have received 2008 Summer Research and Creative Activity Awards. The Council received forty-four grant proposals. The College of Sciences submitted nineteen proposals; twelve were funded. The College of Arts and Humanities submitted eighteen proposals; eight were funded. The College of Education and Professional Studies submitted four proposals; two were funded, and the College of Business and Applied Sciences submitted three proposals. Faculty members receiving awards are: Eric Bollinger, Biological Sciences; Dagni Bredesen, English; Gary Bulla, Biological Sciences; Gary Canivez, Psychology; Ann Coddington, Art; Janice Coons, Biological Sciences; Minh Quang Dao, Economics; Terri Fredrick, English; Gary Fritz, Biological Sciences; Joseph Heumann (Joint Proposal), Communication Studies; Newton Key, History; Hui Li, Economics; Zhiwei Liu, Biological Sciences; Daiva Markelis, English; Sham’ah Md-Yunus, Early Childhood, Elementary, and Middle Level Education; Scott Meiners, Biological Sciences; Robin Murray (Joint Proposal), English; Suzie Park, English; Radu Semeniuc, Chemistry; Mukti Upadhyay, Economics; C.C. Wharram, English; Kraig Wheeler, Chemistry; Jeffrey Willardson, Kinesiology and Sports.

Fy2009 Council on Faculty Research (CFR) Grant Competition

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, department chairs, and associate chairs are eligible to submit in the Fall 2008 (FY09) 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 FY2007 and FY2008 competition will make an individual ineligible for an award in the FY2009 competition; eligibility will resume in the FY2010 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 12:00 noon, Wednesday, September 3, 2008. 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 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 Brad Green in the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs at 581-2125.
The Proposal Initiative Fund (PIF) supports 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. 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 2009.

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. 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 14, 2008. If you have any questions, please email Brad Green at bigreen@eiu.edu or call 581-2125.

**Grant Proposals Received January—March, 2008**

**Bowers, Jill, Family and Consumer Sciences.** Child Care Resource and Referral FY08 QRS. Illinois Department of Human Services, $20,417.

**Coblentz, Larry/Joines, Jacqueline, ROTC/Philanthropy.** Tawani Cadet Awards Grant. Tawani Charitable Foundation, $5,000.

**Crews, Daniel, Arts and Humanities Dean's Office.** Celebration: A Festival of the Arts. City of Charleston, $3,000.


**Meiners, Scott, Biological Sciences.** REU Supplement - LTREB: Controls and consequences of exotic plant invasions in abandoned agricultural land. National Science Foundation, $6,640.


**Murray, Robin, English.** Eastern Illinois Writing Project. National Writing Project Corporation, $30,000.

**Nathan, Britto, Biological Sciences.** Interaction of ApoE with Estrogen in the Olfactory System (Renewal). National Institutes of Health, $190,606.


**Roche, Denis, WEIU.** Ready to Lead in Literacy FY08. Public Broadcasting Service, $15,000.

**GRANT PROPOSALS SUBMITTED**

**JANUARY—MARCH, 2008**

**Canivez, Gary, Psychology.** Long-Term Stability and Predictive Validity of WISC-IV Scores in a Normal Sample. National Institutes of Health.

**Carlsward, Barbara, Biological Sciences.** Collaborative Research: Toward a genus-level phylogenetic framework for angiosperms: Building community resources to achieve common goals. University of Florida/National Science Foundation.

**Carlsward, Barbara/Coons, Janice/Coutant, Nancy, Biological Sciences.** Comparative seed anatomy of Illinois tallgrass prairie species with and without reported smoke-induced germination. Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

**Coblentz, Larry/Joines, Jacqueline, ROTC/Philanthropy.** Tawani Cadet Awards Grant. Tawani Charitable Foundation.

**Coons, Janice/Coutant, Nancy, Biological Sciences.** Propagation of Illinois Tallgrass Prairie Species from Stem Cuttings. Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

**Crews, Daniel, Arts and Humanities Dean's Office.** Celebration: A Festival of the Arts 2009. Illinois Arts Council.


**Dau, Jeanne, Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation.** Small Business Development Center. Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.


**Fischer, Robert/Novak, James, Biological Sciences.** The Effects of Habitat Fragmentation on Sensitive Aquatic Species. Illinois Department of Natural Resources/U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.


**Fritz, Gary, Biological Sciences.** A population genetics analysis of mating/dispersal flights of the Red Imported Fire Ant. U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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

**Gaines, Karen/Novak, James, Biological Sciences.** The development of Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assays (ELISA) to screen for unmonitored pesticides and hormonal responses in anuran populations. Illinois Department of Natural Resources/Waste Management and Research Center.

**Gutowski, Vincent/Di Naso, Steven, Geology/Geography.** GIS Database Development for the City of Charleston (Amendment #1). City of Charleston.

**Hanner, Mary Anne/Wilson, Brenda/Zou, Jie/Gaines, Karen/Marjanovic, Marina, Sciences Dean's Office/Communication Disorders and Sciences/Physics/Biological Sciences.** Women in Science and Math (WiSM) Initiative 2008. Illinois Board of Higher Education.

**Heller, Morton, Psychology.** RUI: Multimodal Contributions to Haptic Spatial Perception. National Science Foundation.

**Hickenbottom, JoEllen/Bulla, Susan, School of Continuing Education.** Project ACCESS (Attaining College Credit and Educating Successful Scholars) Year 3. Illinois Board of Higher Education.

**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)**

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

**Morford, Linda, Educational Administration.** Leadership for the Improvement of Teaching Performance. Illinois Board of Higher Education.

**Morice, Kathryn, Tarble Arts Center.** 2009 Arts-In-Education Residency. Illinois Arts Council.


**Nelson, Dianne, Nursing.** Expanding Instructional Capacity. U.S. Department of Education.

**Nelson, Thomas, Biological Sciences.** "The Beaver in Illinois" Publication. Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

**Over, Thomas, Geology/Geography.** New Paradigm for Characterization of Space-Time Variability of Soil Moisture for Validation of Satellite Soil Moisture Products. NASA.


**Rathe, Allan, Facilities Planning and Management.** NRC Bin Grant Program. National Recycling Coalition.


**Rogers, Ke'an/Roche, Denis/Good, Brenda, WEIU.** NTIA/PTFP FY08 Master Control Equipment and Production Equipment Application. NTIA/PTFP/U.S. Department of Commerce.


**Woodward, Kaye, Bachelor’s of General Studies.** Serving Illinois Adult Learners Through Degree Completion Programs. Illinois Board of Higher Education.

**Wylie, Barbra, Peace Meal.** Senior Nutrition Program FY08. (Champaign County) Victor A. Hoersch Elderly Services Trust.

**Wylie, Barbra, Peace Meal.** Senior Nutrition Program FY09. (Champaign County) City of Champaign Community Service Grant.

**Wylie, Barbra, Peace Meal.** Senior Nutrition Program FY09. (Livingston County) United Way of Pontiac.

**Wylie, Barbra, Peace Meal.** Senior Nutrition Program FY09. (DeWitt County) United Way of Decatur and Mid-Illinois for DeWitt County.

**Wylie, Barbra, Peace Meal.** Senior Nutrition Program FY09. (Coles County) United Way of Coles County.
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.

Vincent Gutowski, professor of geography in Eastern’s Department of Geology/Geography, received the Edwin L. 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.

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 2007 competition for Summer Research and Creative Activity funding was Janice Coons, professor of biological sciences. Steven L. Daniel, associate professor of biological sciences, received the Graduate Dean’s Award for 2007-2008 Research and Creative Activity.

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.

**Recipients of the 2007 Summer Research and Creative Activity Awards**, supporting projects carried out during the summer of 2007, are Eric Bollinger, Gary Bulla, Gary Canivez, Barbara Carlsward, Ann Coddington, Janice Coons, Sace Elder, Tim Engles, Karen Gaines, Vincent Gutowski, Ryan Hendrickson, Donald Holly, Marina Marjanovic, Scott Meiners, Suzie Park, Jad Smith, Lisa Taylor, Mukti Upadhyay, Edmund Wehrle and Jie Zou.

**Recipients of the 2007-2008 Council on Faculty Research Awards** are Steven Daniel, Suzanne Enck-Wanzer, Karen Gaines, Ruth Hoberman, Hui Li, Bill Lovekamp, Svetlana Mitrovski, Sean Peebles, Radu Semeniuc and Betty Smith. These grants supported projects conducted during the 2007-2008 academic year and, in many cases, included student participation.

**Recipients of the 2007-2008 Proposal Initiative Fund (PIF)** are Gary Bulla, Rigo Chinchilla, Steven Daniel, Steven Daniels, Morton Heller, Barbara Lawrence, Peter Ping Liu, Marina Marjanovic and Radu Semeniuc. These grants support projects with the potential to lead to significant external funding.