NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

**Recipients of President's Fund for Research and Creative Activity**
Congratulations to successful applicants for FY2015 President’s Fund for Research and Creative Activity Awards. See page 2 for a listing of awardees.

**President's Fund for Research and Creative Activity FY2016**
Grants from the President’s Fund for Research and Creative Activity (PFRCA) are available to support projects with potential to lead to significant external funding of research, scholarship, creative activity. Faculty members from both Unit A and Unit B are eligible to apply. Applications for the next round of PFRCA funding are due October 6, 2014 by 12:00 noon. For more details, see the summary on page 2.

**Council on Faculty Research**
Applications for the FY15 Council on Faculty Research funding are due September 3, 2014, by 12:00 noon. For more details, see the summary on page 3.

**Proposal Initiative Fund**
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 7, 2014 by 12:00 noon. For more details, see the summary on page 4.

**Submissions and Awards**
The listing on pages 5-8 recognizes everyone who received a grant or submitted a proposal for external funding during the months of November 2013 through February 2014.

Bob Chesnut
**FY2015 President’s Fund for Research and Creative Activity Awards**

The Office of President and Research and Sponsored Programs would like to congratulate the faculty members who have received a FY2015 President’s Fund for Research and Creative Activity Award:

Thomas Canam/Jill Deppe/Karen Gaines—Biological Sciences
Hongshan He—Chemistry Department
Susan Longley—Psychology
Stephen Mullin—Biological Sciences
Robin Murray—English Department
Bailey Young/Debra Reid—History Department

**FY2016 President’s Fund for Research and Creative Activity Competition**

The purpose of the President's Fund Research and Creative Activity (PFRCA) is to support projects with potential to lead to significant external funding of research and/or scholarship. Faculty members from both Unit A and Unit B are eligible to apply.

Applicants agree to submit at least one proposal for external funding within 12 months of the end of the PFRCA grant. The total amount of external funding requested should normally be at least four times the amount of PFRCA funding awarded. PFRCA proposals are evaluated by external reviewers and by an internal advisory board appointed by the President of Eastern Illinois University. The President makes all final funding decisions.

Proposals for up to $20,000 will be accepted. Total funding of $100,000 is anticipated for FY2016. Successful applicants can expect to begin expending PFRCA funds in July, 2015.

The proposal must be hand-delivered to the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, 1102 Blair Hall, by noon on October 6, 2014. To access program guidelines and application instructions, please visit our website at [http://www.eiu.edu/~grants/INTERNAL_PRF.php](http://www.eiu.edu/~grants/INTERNAL_PRF.php).
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 2014 (FY15) 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 Fall 2012 (FY13) and Fall 2013 (FY14) competition will make an individual ineligible for an award in the Fall 2014 (FY15) competition; eligibility will resume in the Fall 2015 (FY16) competition. Eligible persons who wish to apply for funding from the CFR should either apply online or 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, 2014.

Researchers who have previously received any internal funding through ORSP 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_Internal_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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2013-2014 PROPOSAL INITIATIVE FUND COMMITTEE

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To be eligible to serve on the Proposal Initiative Fund Committee the members must have received external funding.

FY2014 PROPOSAL INITIATIVE FUND

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.

Application materials and complete program guidelines are available for download on the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs webpage. 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 7, 2014. If you have any questions, please contact our office.


Liu, Peter, Technology. Evaluate Feasibility of Sustainable and Economical Utilization of Biomass Gasification Byproducts (increase and extension #1). University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign/Illinois Sustainable Technology Center, $900.


Owen, Jill, Kinesiology and Sports Studies. Charleston PE Curriculum FY14 (increase and extension #1). Charleston Community District #1, $9,000.


Russell, Joy / Reid, Brian, Early Childhood, Elementary, and Middle Level Education. Illinois IHE Partnership -EIU IHE Mini-grant. Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville, $15,000.


GRANTS RECEIVED CONTINUED
NOVEMBER, 2013—FEBRUARY, 2014

Siegel, Ryan/Weber, Chad, Facilities Planning and Management. DCEO Energy Efficiency, Burl Ives and 9th Street Hall HVAC. Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, $10,142.

Vaught, Dwight, College of Arts and Humanities Dean’s Office. IL ArtsTour Grant for Thodos Dance Company Performance. Illinois Arts Council Agency, $6,500.


GRANTS PROPOSED SUBMITTED
NOVEMBER, 2013—FEBRUARY, 2014

Armstrong, Ke’an/Neal, Jack, WEIU. 123 & ABC: Math & Reading Are Fun for Me. Corporation for Public Broadcasting.


Bulla, Gary, Biological Sciences. RUI-Mapping Genetic Networks that Dictate the Mammalian Liver Phenotype. National Science Foundation.

Bulla, Gary/Canam/Menze/Nathan/Maia/Periyannan/Konkle, Biological Sciences/Chemistry. MRI: Acquisition of a Laser Confocal Microscope. National Science Foundation.

Canam, Thomas, Biological Sciences. Enhancing the Density and Thermochemical Conversion of Energy Grasses with White-rot Fungi. National Science Foundation.

Canam, Thomas, Biological Sciences. Fungi and Bioenergy: Development of a Sustainable Biomass Pretreatment System. Environmental Protection Agency.

Colombo, Robert/Bollinger, Eric/Meiners, Scott, Biological Sciences. A Long-term Monitoring Program of Fish Population on the Wabash River -FY15. Illinois Department of Natural Resources/USFWS.


Hendrickson, Ryan, Political Science. Leadership at NATO: Assessing the Impact of Secretary General Fogh Rasmussen. National Science Foundation.


Liu, Peter, Technology. Evaluate Feasibility of Sustainable and Economical Utilization of Biomass Gasification Byproducts (increase and extension #1). University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign/Illinois Sustainable Technology Center.

Liu, Peter Ping, Center for Clean Energy Research and Education (CENCERE). Further Enhancing Undergraduate Education in Biomass Renewable Energy by Integrating Student-Led Research and Entrepreneurship. National Science Foundation.
GRANT PROPOSALS SUBMITTED CONTINUED
NOVEMBER, 2013—FEBRUARY, 2014


Md-Yunus, Sham'ah/Russell, Joy, Early Childhood, Elementary, and Middle Level Education. Early Childhood Educator Preparation Program Innovation Grant. Illinois Board of Higher Education.


Mertz, Andrew/Andrews, Peter/Alvarado, Alejandra, Mathematics and Computer Science. Turning the Tides: A Focused Intervention with the Computational Sciences. Association of American Colleges and Universities.

Morice, Kathryn, Tarble Arts Center. 2013 Embarras Valley Film Festival. City of Charleston Tourism.


Owen, Jill, Kinesiology and Sports Studies. Charleston PE Curriculum FY14 (increase and extension #1). Charleston Community District #1.


Vaught, Dwight, College of Arts and Humanities Dean's Office. IL ArtsTour Grant for Thodos Dance Company Performance. Illinois Arts Council Agency.


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- Assistance with identifying grant opportunities
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  - Contacts with agencies
- Post-award forms and procedures
- Coordination of internal grant competitions
  - President’s Fund for Research/Creative Activity
  - Council on Faculty Research
  - Proposal Initiative Fund
- Reporting Requirements
- Assist with proposal submissions to external agencies
- Protection of human subjects in research (IRB)
- Protection of animals in research and teaching (IACUC)
- Approval of budgets
- Creation of grant accounts
- Transactions throughout the life of the grant
- Financial reports