NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

President’s Fund for Research and Creative Activity
Grants from the President’s Fund for Research and Creative Activity (PFRCA), formerly known as the President’s Research Fund, are available for enhancing the recipient’s chances of obtaining external funding. Applications for the next round of PFRCA funding are due October 1, 2012 by 12:00 noon. For more details, see the summary on page 6.

Council on Faculty Research
Applications for the FY13 Council on Faculty Research funding are due September 5, 2012, by 12:00 noon. For more details, see the summary on page 7.

Submissions and Awards
The listing on pages 2-5 recognizes everyone who received a grant or submitted a proposal for external funding during the months of March 2012 through June 2012.

New Grant Accountant
We would like to welcome Lauren Clapp as the new grant accountant. You may contact Lauren at 581-7752 or by email at inclapp@eiu.edu.
GRANTS RECEIVED
MARCH—JUNE, 2012


Deppe, Jill, Biological Sciences. Modeling movement and survival of intercontinental songbird migrants crossing the Gulf of Mexico. National Science Foundation, $192,330.


Mulvaney, Michael, Recreation Administration. Decatur Park District Comprehensive Programming Performance Evaluation (Increase/Extension #2). Decatur Park District, $1,960.


Wylie, Barbra, Peace Meal. Senior Nutrition Program FY13. (McLean County) City of Bloomington Township, $25,000.

Wylie, Barbra, Peace Meal. Senior Nutrition Program FY13. (Champaign County) United Way of Champaign County, $10,000.

Wylie, Barbra, Peace Meal. Senior Nutrition Program FY13. (McLean County) United Way of McLean County, $100,000.

Wylie, Barbra, Peace Meal. Senior Nutrition Program FY12. (McLean County) Normal Township, $12,000.

GRANTS RECEIVED CONTINUED
MARCH—JUNE, 2012

Wylie, Barbra, Peace Meal. Senior Nutrition Program FY12. (Champaign County) United Way of Champaign County, $8,000.

GRANT PROPOSALS SUBMITTED
MARCH—JUNE, 2012


Colombo, Robert/Meiners, Scott, Biological Sciences. NFPP - Danville Dam Removal and Channel Restoration, Vermilion River, Illinois. Illinois Department of Natural Resources.


Deppe, Jill/Gaines, Karen/Novak, James, Biological Sciences. The effects of agricultural biofuel plantings on biodiversity in east-central Illinois. Illinois Department of Natural Resources.


GRANT PROPOSALS SUBMITTED
MARCH—JUNE, 2012


Irwin, Bonnie/Augustine, Robert, Arts and Humanities Dean's Office/The Graduate School. Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program. U.S. Department of Education.

Konkle, Mary/Menze, Michael, Chemistry/Biological Sciences. Mitochondrial Dysfunction and Type-2 Diabetes: The Role of MitoNEET. Diabetes Action Research and Education Foundation.


McGuire, Mark, Chemistry. Utilization of Flavins (Alloxazines and Isoalloxazines) and Metal-Flavin Complexes to Get Beyond the Traditional Two-Electron Limit in their use as Catalysts. American Chemical Society - Petroleum Research Fund.

Meiners, Scott, Biological Sciences. The role of soil microbial communities in regulating the success of prairie restorations. Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Methven, Andrew, Biological Sciences. The effects of sugar maple and red elm removal and fire on macrofungi in Baber's Woods Nature Preserve. Illinois Department of Natural Resources.


Mullin, Stephen, Biological Sciences. "Kids" in troubled waters: Atrazine uptake by female watersnakes and its effects on their offspring. Illinois Department of Natural Resources.


Mulvaney, Michael, Recreation Administration. Decatur Park District Comprehensive Programming Performance Evaluation (Increase/Extension #2). Decatur Park District.


Semeniuc, Radu, Chemistry. Jean Dreysfus Biossevain Lectureship for Undergraduate Institutions. The Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation, Inc..

GRANT PROPOSALS SUBMITTED CONTINUED
MARCH—JUNE, 2012

Throneburg, Rebecca, Communication Disorders and Sciences. Speech Language Pathology Distance Language Program. U.S. Department of Education.


Wylie, Barbra, Peace Meal. Senior Nutrition Program FY13. City of Urbana/Cunningham Township Consolidated Social Service Program.


Wylie, Barbra, Peace Meal. Senior Nutrition Program FY13. ECIAAA.


GRANT FORWARD (FORMERLY IRIS)

For many years Eastern has subscribed to IRIS, a search engine that allows on-line searches for grant opportunities. Now IRIS is undergoing a major upgrade to new technology. The new name for the upgraded search engine is Grant Forward. Grant Forward features a very user-friendly interface and covers even more grant opportunities than IRIS did.

Check out Grant Forward by using the link on the ORSP website at http://www.grantforward.com/index. In September, 2012 ORSP will offer training in the use of search engines, including Grant Forward. Reservations for the one-hour training session are handled by the office of Faculty Development.

FY 2014 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 FY2014. Successful applicants can expect to begin expending PFRCA funds in July, 2013.

The proposal must be hand-delivered to the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, 1102 Blair Hall, by noon on October 1, 2012. To access program guidelines and application instructions, please visit our website at 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 2012 (FY13) 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 2010 (FY11) and Fall 2011 (FY12) competition will make an individual ineligible for an award in the Fall 2012 (FY13) competition; eligibility will resume in the Fall 2013 (FY14) 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 5, 2012. 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 Brad Green in the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs at 581-2125.
Electronic Searches for Grant Opportunities

Monday, September 17, 2012 4:00 – 5:00pm
Room 4450, Booth Library

Several search engines on the Research & Sponsored Programs website are useful for seeking grant opportunities. Participants will learn important search techniques and methods of conducting regular, automated searches for external funding.

Introduction to Proposals for External Funding

Monday, October 1, 2012 4:00 – 5:00pm
Paris Room, MLK Jr. University Union

Anyone who is relatively new to submitting proposals to external agencies will benefit from this seminar. This presentation will include:
(1) a description of major sections of typical proposal;
(2) a brief description of how to construct a budget;
(3) Eastern's internal requirements for approval of proposals before they are submitted;
(4) Eastern's internal procedures for handling money after a grant has been approved, and
(5) regulatory issues such as protection of animals and human subjects.

How to Write a Proposal to the Council on Faculty Research

Monday, December 3, 2012 12:00 noon – 1:00pm
Paris Room, MLK Jr. University Union

Eastern's internal funding for research and creative activity is awarded on a competitive basis by the Council on Faculty Research. There are two rounds of funding, one in the fall and one in the spring. This presentation will include suggestions for making a proposal competitive, as well as examples of recent funded proposals.
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- Proposal submission to external agencies
  - Internal Routing
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- Post-award forms and procedures

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  - Council on Faculty Research
  - Proposal Initiative Fund
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- Approval of budgets
- Creation of grant accounts
- Transactions throughout the life of the grant
- Financial reports