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GRANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Program: Digital Humanities Initiative
Agency: National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)
Deadline: November 1, 2006
Contact: Frederick A. Winter, Ph.D., 202-606-8287 or fwinter@neh.gov
Link: www.neh.gov/grants/digitalhumanities.html
Description: This new initiative will support projects that use or study the impact of digital technology. NEH will make special digital humanities awards through its challenge grants program.

Program: Upward Bound Program (Includes Regular Upward Bound (UB), Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) and Upward Bound Math and Science (UBMS))
Agency: DOE Office of Postsecondary Education
Deadline: November 6, 2006
Contact: Gaby Watts, 202-502-7600 or TRIO@ed.gov
Link: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01/jan20061800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2006/pdf/06-8102.pdf>: *New RFP for FY07. However, please note that there is currently no funding available (in the administration's budget) and there is an important priority change: proposals should focus on an 8th (or 9th) grade cohort!*

New Upward Bound priority

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20061800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2006/pdf/06-8101.pdf>: A recent Federal Register notice explains the Department of Education's ("controversial") priority change for Upward Bound.

Description: There are three types of grants under the Upward Bound Program: Regular Upward Bound grants, Veterans Upward Bound grants, and Upward Bound Math and Science grants. Regular projects are designed to give participants the skills and motivation necessary for success in education beyond secondary school. The Veterans Upward Bound projects are designed to assist veterans in preparing for a program of postsecondary education. The Upward Bound Math and Science projects are designed to prepare high school students for postsecondary education programs that lead to careers in the fields of math and science.

Program: Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants

Agency: National Endowment for the Humanities

Deadline: November 15, 2006

Contact: Brett Bobley, 202-606-8401 or bbobley@neh.gov

Link: www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/digitalhumanitiesstartup.html

Description: NEH invites proposals for the planning or initial stages of digital initiatives. Start-Up Grants may involve: research that brings new digital approaches to the study of the humanities or that examines the implications of the use of emerging technologies for humanities scholarship; new digital modes of publication facilitating the dissemination of humanities scholarship in advanced academic as well as informal or formal educational settings at all academic levels; exploration of digital methods or approaches to preserve, archive, and make accessible traditional (i.e., analogue) and "new media" resources in the humanities; planning new digital tools for preserving, analyzing, and making accessible humanities data; and programs addressing the innovative use of emerging digital technologies in formal and informal educational settings, including public forums such as museums, libraries, historic sites, and broadcast media. Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants should result in plans, prototypes, or proofs of concept for long-term digital humanities projects prior to implementation.

Program: Department of Defense Infrastructure Support Program for Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority Institutions (HBCU/MIs)

Agency: Department of Defense (DoD)

Deadline: December 7, 2006

Contact: Evelyn Kent, 703-588-1378 or Evelyn.Kent@osd.mil

Link: www.dodtechmatch.com/DOD/Opportunities/FedGrantView.aspx?id=W911NF-07-R-0002

Description: Awards under the 2007 program are for the acquisition of instrumentation and/or equipment. The program aims to enhance science, mathematics, and/or engineering education programs and/or research capabilities through the acquisition of instrumentation that will augment existing facilities, enhance curricula, or develop new laboratories, programs and capabilities in these areas. This includes basic items for laboratory and classroom use as well as

sophisticated instrumentation and computers (including software) for advanced studies and research important to the DoD mission.

RFP ATTACHED:



DoD FY07_ RFP.pdf

Program: The Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) Integrated Organic Program Grant
Agency: United States Department of Agriculture
Deadline: December 18, 2006
Contact: Kathy Kimble-Day, 202-401-4420
Link: www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=11234
Description: CSREES requests applications for the Integrated Organic Program to solve critical organic agriculture issues, priorities, or problems through the integration of research, education, and extension activities in two program areas: (1) Organic Transitions Program (ORG); and the (2) Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative (OREI). ORG funds the development and implementation of research, extension and higher education programs to improve the competitiveness of organic producers. OREI funds research and extension programs that enhance the ability of producers and processors who have already adopted organic standards to grow and market high quality organic food, feed, and fiber.

Program: NEH Implementation Grants for Special Projects
Agency: National Endowment for the Humanities
Deadline: January 23, 2007
Contact: Peter Scott, 202-606-8446, psscott@neh.gov
Link: www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=11131
Description: Special Project grants support a variety of public humanities program formats, including public discussion forums, hands-on learning experiences, discussion series based on reading or film-viewing, multi-faceted conferences, or symposia. Small exhibitions or interpretive publications might serve as common texts for such programs.

Program: DHHS National Institutes of Health Alcohol Education Project Grants
Agency: National Institutes of Health
Deadline: Multiple Rolling Deadlines
Contact: Judy Fox, 301-443-4704 or jfox@mail.nih.gov
Link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-07-001.html>
Description: This FOA identifies three health education activities that NIAAA will consider for award through Research Education grants (R25): 1) K-12 Science Education and Undergraduate/Graduate Education; 2) Health Professions Education; and 3) Public Health Education. Individual applications are expected to focus on one of these three educational areas.

Program: CISE Pathways to Revitalized Undergraduate Computing Education (CPATH)
Agency: The National Science Foundation
Deadline: January 23, 2007
Contact: Harriet Taylor, 703-292-7973
Link: www.nsf.gov/pubs/2006/nsf06608/nsf06608.htm
Description: CISE is calling for colleges and universities to work together and with other stakeholders in undergraduate computing education, including industry, professional societies, and organizations, to formulate and implement plans to revitalize undergraduate computing education in the United States. Successful CPATH projects will be systemic in nature, address a broad range of issues, and have significant in potential in contributing to the transformation and revitalization of undergraduate computing education on a national scale. CPATH will support four *types* of projects: Community Building (CB) Grants; Evaluation, Adoption, and Extension (EAE) Grants; Transformation (T) Grants; and CISE Distinguished Education Fellow (CDEF) Grants.

Program: State Education Award Program **Deadline:** January 25, 2007
Program: National Education Award Program **Deadline:** February 15, 2007
Program: Indian Tribes Program **Deadline:** February 15, 2007
Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service - AmeriCorps
Contact: Amy Borgstrom 202-606-6930 or aborgstrom@cns.gov
Link: www.americorps.org/for_organizations/funding/nofa.asp
Description: Subject to the availability of appropriations for fiscal year 2007, the Corporation for National and Community Service announces the anticipated availability of approximately \$88,000,000 to award to new and re-competing AmeriCorps State and National grants. Tribal Colleges are qualified to apply for several of the AmeriCorps Grants listed. Tribal colleges are also eligible to receive monies from both a state education and a national education award grant at the same time.

Program: National Leadership Grants
Agency: Institute of Museum and Library Services
Deadline: February 1, 2007
Contact: Martha Crawley, 202-653-4667 or mcrawley@imls.gov
Link: www.imls.gov/applicants/grants/nationalLeadership.shtm
Description: Projects should enable libraries and museums to address current problems in creative ways, develop and test innovative solutions, and expand the boundaries within which cultural heritage institutions operate. Categories include Advancing Learning Communities, Building Digital Resources, Research and Demonstration, and Partnerships with Museums.

CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

TCU Specific

Meeting: White House Initiative on Tribal Colleges and Universities: American Competitiveness Initiative (ACI) "Strengthening Math and Science Education" Technical Service Workshop
Date: November 28-29, 2006
Location: Bally's Las Vegas, Nevada
Contact: 202-219-7040 or tonya.ewers@ed.gov
Link: www.ed.gov/about/inits/list/whic/edlite-index.html
Description: There is no fee for conference participation; however, there are space limitations and early registration is encouraged.

Meeting: American Indian College Fund 11th Annual Flame of Hope Gala
Date: November 28, 2006
Location: New York City, New York
Contact: Bunky Echo-Hawk, 303-426-8900
Description: This year's program will feature a moving flute presentation by Miss Diné College Quintanya Claw, a special performance by the Redhawk Dance Troupe and mistress of ceremonies Star Nayea.

Meeting: First Americans Land-grant College Organization & Network (FALCON) Annual Meeting
Date: December 3-5, 2006
Location: Las Vegas, Nevada
Link: <http://stemrc.aihec.org/Lists/Events/DispForm.aspx?ID=43>
Description: The First Americans Land-grant College Organization & Network (FALCON) Annual Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Indian Nations Conservation Alliance (INCA) and Intertribal Agriculture Council (IAC) conference.

Other Events of Potential Interest

Meeting: 16th Navajo Studies Conference
Date: November 1-4, 2006
Location: University of New Mexico
Contact: Mary Alice Tsosie or 505-277-8922 or dineconf@unm.edu
Link: http://elibrary.unm.edu/inlp/navajo_studies-conf.php

Meeting: WCET 18th Annual Conference: Blazing the E-Learning Trail--Forging New Ways to Learn
Date: November 1-4, 2006
Location: Portland, Oregon
Link: <http://conference.wcet.info/2006/>
Description: This conference will focus on how technology is changing the way colleges and universities approach their missions, interact with their students, and achieve their goals. Nearly 200 speakers will share their perspectives on new policies, best practices, and services.

- Meeting:** American Indian and Science Engineering Society 2006 Annual Conference: Pathways to Stronger Communities
Date: November 2-4, 2006
Location: Detroit, Michigan, COBO Convention Center
Link: www.aises.org/events/2006/
Description: The Annual Conference this year includes a Career Fair; nationally recognized speakers; panel discussions and workshops for students, teachers and professionals.
- Meeting:** Career Connection Conference, for Undergraduate and Graduate Students of Color
Date: November 3-4, 2006
Location: Boston, Massachusetts
Email: hvassell@thepartnershipin.org
Link: www.thepartnershipinc.org
- Meeting:** Nation Building: Leadership, Governance, and Economic Policy
Date: November 8-9, 2006
Location: Portland, Oregon
Contact: Joan Timeche, 520-626-6501 or timechej@email.arizona.edu
Link: www.nni.arizona.edu
- Meeting:** Tribal & Indigenous Early Childhood Network at the National Association on the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Annual Conference
Date: November 8-11, 2006
Location: Atlanta, Georgia
Contact: TribalECHNetwork@hotmail.com
Link: www.annualconference.naeyc.org
Description: Tribal and Indigenous Leaders, Early Childhood Professional, Paraprofessionals including Parents of Indian, Hawaiian and Alaskan Natives children are invited to attend this year's conference as we will launch our NEW network as part of the NAEYC Interest Forum.
- Meeting:** Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges
Date: November 12-14, 2006
Location: Hilton-Americas Houston, Texas
Contact: Eddie G. Gouge 202-478-6028 or egouge@nasulgc.org
Link: www.nasulgc.org/AnnualMeeting/Default.htm
- Meeting:** First Annual Joint Conference and Symposium on Native Water Law, Sovereignty, and Cultural Survival
Date: November 17-18, 2006
Location: Cornell University, Ithaca, New York
Contact: Kathy Halbig, 607-255-6587 or klh37@cornell.edu
Link: www.aip.cornell.edu/tiwp/
Description: This event seeks to bring attention to critical water issues facing American Indian communities and their neighbors in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Watersheds.

Meeting: The 3rd Annual Haudenosaunee Conference: A Voices of the People
Date: November 17-18, 2006
Location: Syracuse University College of Law, Syracuse, New York
Contact: Carrie Garrow or cegarrow@law.syr.edu

Meeting: Administrative Law: Indian Tribes and the Federal Agency Maze
Date: November 30 - December 1, 2006
Location: Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona
Contact: 480-965-7715
Link: www.law.asu.edu/ILP/MazeCLE
Description: This conference is designed to provide tribal officials and Indian law practitioners with a basic understanding of federal laws governing agency practices and procedures, and to generate an in-depth discussion of the impact of this field of law on tribal rights and authorities. In particular, the conference will examine the various laws that require federal agencies to consult with Indian tribes and their effects; determinations of tribal jurisdiction made by federal authorities; and strategies and techniques for influencing federal agency decision making.

Meeting: Nonprofit Success Forum on Grant Making
Date: December 8, 2006
Location: Washington, DC
Link: <http://nonprofitsuccess.org/forum-nsf15.html>

Meeting: The 5th Annual Hawaii International Conference on Education
Date: January 6- 9, 2007
Location: Waikiki Beach, Hawaii
Contact: Hawaii International Conference on Education, P.O. Box 75036
Honolulu, HI 96836 USA, 808-949-1455 or education@hiceducation.org.
Link: www.hiceducation.org

SCHOLARSHIPS, INTERNSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS

Fully funded Internship for the Washington Center's American Indian/Alaska Native Initiative

Internships available for American Indian students & recent graduates to intern in DC while earning academic credit and participating in career-enhancing structured programming. An all-paid-for internship through a federal agency-internship sponsor that provides a travel stipend to and from Washington, D.C., fully furnished TWC housing, fully covered TWC program fee, and a \$250 weekly stipend. Deadlines are:

Spring 2007 Internship – Deadline, November 15

Summer 2007 Internship – Deadline, March 15

For more, go to www.twc.edu/students/how_to_apply.shtml

For Faculty: Visiting Scholars for Educational Testing Service

Educational Testing Service (ETS) is recruiting visiting scholars for four weeks during the summer of 2007. The program gives faculty and administrators from underrepresented groups an opportunity to learn about measurement and to participate in test development, public policy work, and/or related activities, while allowing ETS to benefit from the input of a diverse group of professionals. For more information about the Visiting Scholars Program -- a recruitment flyer -- and instructions for applying, please visit us at www.ets.org/visitingscholars.

UK Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program

The Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program is currently seeking U.S. School or School District Bursars/Financial Officers and Guidance Counselors to travel to the United Kingdom for a four-week job-shadowing exchange during the 2007-2008 academic year. The application deadline is November 30, 2006.

For more, contact fulbright@grad.usda.gov and www.fulbrightexchanges.org/View/ViewOtherOpps.asp.

Program: Scholarships for Native American Students

Contact: Mary Frost or Dean Chavers, 505-262-2351, Nscholarsh@aol.com

Description: Catching the Dream will offer 220 scholarships this year to students.

2007 Public Policy & International Affairs (PPIA) Fellowship Program

The PPIA Fellowship Program is designed to prepare diverse students interested in serving the public good for graduate studies in public policy and/or international affairs and groom them for professional roles in public service. The Fellowship consists of successfully completing one of PPIA's Junior Summer Institutes (JSI), opportunities for paid internships, a minimum of \$5000 scholarship, and a network of 3000 fellows/Alumni. The JSI curriculum is designed to improve students' analytical and communication skills through three areas of study – economics, statistics, and policy analysis/writing. For more, go to the website:

www.ppiaprogram.org/app/.

Program: Fall 2007 EPA Greater Research Opportunities (GRO) Fellowships for Undergraduate Environmental Study

Agency: Environmental Protection Agency

Deadline: November 29, 2006

Link: http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2007/2007_star_gro_undergrad.html

Description: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as part of its Greater Research Opportunities (GRO) program, is offering Undergraduate Fellowships for bachelor level students in environmental fields of study. The deadline for receipt of pre-applications is November 29, 2006. Subject to availability of funding, the Agency plans to award approximately 15 new fellowships by July 20, 2007. Eligible students will receive support for their junior and senior years of undergraduate study and for an internship at an EPA facility during the summer between their junior and senior years. The fellowship provides up to \$17,000 per year of academic support and up to \$7,500 of internship support for a three-month summer period.

Program: Native American Congressional Internships for 2007

Agency: Morris K. Udall Foundation

Deadline: January 31, 2007

Contact: 520-670-5529

Link: www.udall.gov/udall.asp?link=300

Description: The Native American Congressional Internship Program provides Native Americans and Alaska Natives with an insider's view of the federal government. The ten-week internship in Washington, D.C., places students in Senate and House offices, committees, Cabinet departments and the White House, where they are able to observe government decision-making processes first-hand. In 2007, the Foundation expects to award 12 Internships based on merit to Native Americans and Alaska Natives who are college juniors or seniors, recent graduates from tribal or four-year colleges.

EPA Tribal Lands Environmental Science Scholarship

This year, AIEO has worked out an agreement with the BIA to use its contract with the American Indian Graduate Center to provide \$80,000 (collected from numerous offices at EPA), for scholarship support to Native American students enrolled in full time, accredited colleges and universities who are pursuing environmentally related disciplines and planning work toward Tribal resources and environmental protection. For additional information, contact Caren Robinson at 202-564-0544 or robinson.caren@epa.gov.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

AIHEC's TRIO Award Recipients

It was announced at the AIHEC Board meeting that Leah Carpenter, president, Leech Lake Tribal College, is one of seven recipients of the National TRIO High Achievement Award and Dr. David Yarlott, president, Little Big Horn College, is a recipient of a regional TRIO award.

AIHEC Student Congress in the News

REZNet News -- The American Indian Higher Education Consortium's Student Congress and Salish Kootenai College have landmark anniversaries on the academic calendar this year, and Julian Manyhides will be present for both occasions. Manyhides, Blackfeet, is this year's president of the congress, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary, and a senior at the college, which will mark 30 years of existence in January. For more on the story, go to www.reznetnews.org/student/061016_congress/.

News from NIEA: Indian Education Hot Topic and NCAIC Convention

The 63rd annual National Congress of American Indians Convention encountered fireworks on its opening day when tribal leaders across the country lined up on the assembly floor to address Department of Interior Secretary John Kempthorne with their concerns. Indian Education quickly became a hot topic, specifically the BIA Office of Indian Education Programs restructuring. In front of the NCAI assembly, President Wilson addressed Secretary Kempthorne saying, "NIEA

has been told by tribes across the nation and concerned stakeholders that the current litigation and legal setbacks that the Bureau of Indian Affairs is experiencing because of the restructuring was directly precipitated by the disrespectful consultation process. We are told as well that hardly a single tribe, nation wide, who is affected by the restructuring endorses the concept, few feel the consultation was respectful or followed the established legal protocol.”
For more on the story, go to NIEA.org

13-Part Television Series Highlights Unique American Indian Cultures

Indian Pride, a 13-part cultural magazine will air on PBS stations in February 2007. *Indian Pride* will spotlight the diverse cultures of American Indian people throughout the country. The 13-week magazine will focus on a specific theme each week that will be of interest to all people. Future programs will highlight Indian Treaties and Sovereignty, Spirituality, Health and Healing, Culture and Celebrations, as well as the coverage of critical issues of government, economic development, politics and education. Check your local listings for show times.

Tribal College Journal Highlights

The November Issue focuses on “Traditional Ways of Knowing,” and explores how tribal colleges strive to provide education that meets the cultural, social, and linguistic needs of their communities. It also introduces AIHEC’s new Indigenous evaluation project.

HUD’s AN/NHIAC-TCUP Conference Follow-Up Note

The Department of Housing and Urban Development’s conference in September provided a venue for grantees, community partners, OUP staff, and other AN/NHIAC and TCUP representatives to connect and share ideas. If you did not pick up the participants list while at the conference, you may now download a PDF of the list, along with the conference agenda and the presentation made by Dr. Mae Mendelson, director of the Hawaii Intergenerational Network. Please see www.oup.org, and select the conference link from the "OUP Spotlight" section on the right side of the main page. You can also access the information through the direct link at www.oup.org/conferences/presentations/annhiac_presentations.asp.

The American Indian College Fund Contest for Student Weavers

The contest is on for the next AICF Pendleton blanket design. For more, contact Roni Schultz or Megan Capps by phone at 800-776-3863 or by email at vschultz@collegefund.org or mcapps@collegefund.org or visit www.collegefund.org.

Call for Papers

Meeting: Harvard Graduate School of Education 5th Annual Alumni of Color Conference

Deadline: November 1, 2006 for conference March 2-3, 2006

Contact: alumnicolorconf@gse.harvard.edu

Link: www.gseacademic.harvard.edu/~aocc

Description: Individual paper presentations, workshops, roundtables, symposia, and mini-course sessions are requested.

Meeting: Navigating the Global American South Conference
Deadline: November 1, 2006 for conference in April 2007
Contact: ucis@unc.edu
Link: www.ucis.unc.edu/globalsouth/conference07/
Description: Inviting proposals for presentations by scholars, policymakers, and professionals dealing with health issues that connect the American South and the world. We encourage proposals from a wide range of academic and professional fields and perspectives on topics such as immigrant health, infectious and chronic diseases, maternal and child health, domestic violence, bioethics and human rights, water management, human trafficking, comparative health care delivery, nutrition and obesity, health education, drug development and distribution, access and disparity, disaster relief and recovery after Katrina.

Meeting: Third Annual Southeast Indian Studies Conference: Tradition, Identity and Recognition
Deadline: November 21, 2006 for conference April 12-13, 2007
Contact: 910-521-6895 or jay.vest@uncp.edu
Description: Proposals invited for papers and panels about the study of American Indians in the Southeast. Topics may include academic or creative works on archaeology, history, socio-cultural issues, religion, literature, oral traditions, art, identity, sovereignty, health and other matters. Proposals are welcome from academic scholars, students and community leaders.

Meeting: 2007 American Indian Studies (AIS) Association Conference: *Decolonization of American Indians in Art, Politics and Nationhood*
Deadline: November 30, 2006 for conference from February 8 & 9, 2007
Location: Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
Contact: Carol Lujan, 480-965-6977
Description: This conference will focus on issues critical to the American Indian Studies Professorate. The keynote speaker is Simon Oriz. Topics of interest include Technology and sovereignty; tribal government and empowerment; politics and resistance; AIS curriculum development; strategies to strengthen AIS programs/departments; tribal colleges/university partnerships; and university and tribal nation's partnerships.

Meeting: Sharing Indigenous Wisdom: An International Dialogue on Sustainable Development
Deadline: December 1, 2006 for conference June 11-15, 2007
Contact: Dale Kakkak, 715-799-5600 or dkakkak@menominee.edu
Link: www.sharingindigenouswisdom.org
Description: The conference will focus on Natural Environment foundational element of the Menominee model of sustainable development. In collaboration with the USDA Forest Service and the International Union of Forest Research Organization's Task Force on traditional forest knowledge, papers or presentations are invited consistent with the focus on natural environment.

Meeting: Center for Healthy Communities: Community Based Cancer Control Seminar for American Indian and Alaska Native Community Health Advocates

Deadline: January 5, 2007 for meeting March 18-23, 2007

Location: Seattle, WA

Contact: Keely Moriarty, 503-494-1126 or moriarty@ohsu.edu

Description: This is a capacity-building course designed for community people with an interest in cancer prevention and control. The cost of travel, hotel, meals, and all course materials is covered for participants.

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