Welcome to the latest in a series of periodic publications from the Office of Grants Development. The goal of this publication is to provide basic information to faculty and staff about the grants process at Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) and to disseminate samples of the types of grant funding that are available. Future topics include the status of various pieces of legislation involving grants for community colleges and various grants applied for and received at NOVA.

If you have any suggestions or questions please contact Deborah Rosen, the director of grants and special projects, at drosen@nvcc.edu or at 703-323-3440; or Sue Gossman, grants writer, at sgossman@nvcc.edu or at 703-323-3154.

NOVA RECEIVES GRANT AWARD FROM DOL

NOVA is the recipient of a $1.22 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to build the Medical Education Campus’ capacity in the area of Diagnostic Imaging. The grant program funding the proposal is the President’s Community-Based Job Training Program. NOVA was one of 72 community colleges across the national selected for this award. There were 429 colleges who were considered for the award. This project is designed to produce the following outcomes: 1) expansion of NOVA’s existing Radiologic Technology AAS degree program from 48 to 60 students annually; 2) development of curricula, training and licensing of 20 Radiation Therapy and 30 Sonography certificate students during the three year grant period; 3) development of curriculum for an AAS degree in Sonography; 4) development of a Bridge program for high school students to provide academic enrichment, dual enrollment, and student support to increase retention, graduation and job placement for persons in diagnostic imaging programs. Thirty-six students will be enrolled in the Bridge program and will also receive training and a job skill in phlebotomy; 5) an increase of 3.5 full time equivalent diagnostic imaging faculty for the Radiologic Technology and Sonography programs.

A special thanks to the project team of Brian Foley, Marilyn Sinderbrand, Florence Richman, Geraldine Hofler, David Hunn, John Dever, Deborah Rosen, Susan Gossman, and Gail Jackson. This grant was made possible through the College’s leadership in forging NoVaHealthFORCE, a regional alliance between five colleges and universities, ten hospitals, and several business groups, including the Northern Virginia Workforce Investment Board. Congratulations NOVA!

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NEH DIGITAL HUMANITIES WORKSHOPS FOR K-12 EDUCATORS

The National Endowment for the Humanities invites proposals to offer academically rigorous professional development programs for K-12 educators in using digital resources to strengthen the teaching of humanities. This is the perfect opportunity to develop partnerships with local school districts. Proposals are due January 17. For more information see www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/digital.html.

NEH GRANTS TO DEVELOP HISTORY WORKSHOPS FOR COLLEGE FACULTY

The National Endowment for the Humanities invites proposals for one-week residence-based workshops at historic sites for community college faculty who teach introductory humanities courses in American history, literature, or related areas. This is an excellent opportunity for NOVA faculty, who are surrounded by historic sites. For more information see www.neh.gov/grants/grants.html.

NSF OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS IN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING DISCIPLINES

The National Science Foundation seeks to enable talented, but needy, undergraduates obtain degrees (including the associate degree) in science and engineering disciplines. This is an excellent opportunity to partner with local school districts to provide educational opportunities for students at NOVA, while diversifying the science and engineering workforce. More information is available at www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5257.

FUNDING FOR TECHNOLOGY

Are you interested in funding for technology projects? Atomic Learning just released The Big Deal Book of Grants and Funding Sources for Higher Education Technology Professionals. This publication is available on-line at http://www.bigdealbook.com/he.

BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE (BRAC) FEASIBILITY STUDY PROPOSAL SUBMITTED

NOVA and the SkillSource Group Inc., have submitted a proposal to conduct a feasibility study to assess the need for a joint Workforce Development Center and a One Stop Employment Center to be located adjacent to the Woodbridge Campus. The request for $125,000 will underwrite an assessment providing critical data to facilitate regional decisions regarding the facilities, programs, and candidate pipelines needed to ensure successful BRAC staff migration to Fort Belvoir Army Base and Quantico Marine Base.

GRANTS.GOV FISCAL YEAR ‘06 HIGHLIGHTS

Grants.gov is rapidly growing in acceptance and usefulness to both grant-making agencies and applicants. Agencies continue to post 100% of their discretionary funding opportunities on Grants.gov and statistical results reveal that Grants.gov is moving from being a new concept to being widely accepted as a mainstream tool.

Utilization grew tremendously during the fiscal year with over 52,000 Authorized Organization Representatives currently registered versus 18,000 at the end of fiscal year ‘05. An average
of 1.3 million email notifications are sent weekly, and the number of received submissions far exceeded the fiscal year ‘06 goal of receiving 45,000 submissions, hitting 90,045 on September 30, 2006. In fact, the number of submissions increased by 400% in this fiscal year.


TITLE III PROPOSAL PREPARATION CONTINUES

NOVA continues to compile data and design a comprehensive development plan and set of activities to build a Title III Student Success Plan proposal. The focus of the plan is on providing imbedded tutors in three core courses: MTH 163, BIO 101 and NAS 161. This plan will address student success and retention goals that are part of NOVA’s Student Success Plan and meet the objectives of strengthening our institution as required by Title III. At the same time, Title III eligibility materials are being gathered in anticipation of a submission date in January.

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