Welcome to the latest in a series of periodic publications from the Office of Grants Development. The goal of this newsletter is to provide information to faculty and staff about the grants process at the College and to disseminate announcements of grant awards. If you have any suggestions about topics to include or would like answers to specific questions, please contact Deborah Rosen, director of grants and special projects, at drosen@nvcc.edu or 703.323.3440, or contact Robert Henderson, assistant director and grants specialist, at rhenderson@nvcc.edu or 703-323-3493.

Grant and Contract Search Tool Available Free to all Employees of NOVA
Did you know that for the last 12 years NOVA employees have been able to search for grant and contract funding from a wide variety of sources right on the College website? Go to the Grants Development page of the College website, and you will see a link to SPIN (Sponsored Program Information Network) http://www.infoed.org/new_spin/spinmain.asp. You may do a number of types of searches when you arrive there. Search by keywords, or you can do a more in-depth search by location, type of funding, or other criteria. In addition, you can access the Federal Register to obtain current open federal deadlines. Search FedBizOpps (formerly the Commerce Business Daily) to learn what contracts are open for bid. There is no need to pay for costly subscriptions to find the same information! If you need help or training in using these tools, please feel free to contact Deborah Rosen, director of grants and special projects, for assistance at drosen@nvcc.edu.

NOVA Wins STARTALK Award Again!
Project Director, Dr. Laura Franklin, has just been notified that the College will again be the recipient of a STARTALK award for the project entitled, “NOVASTARTALK 2012: TEACHING STAR-TALK Languages with 21st Century Tools.” This funding will be used to increase the technology skills of teachers of less-commonly-taught languages in the northern Virginia area during summer workshops. Congratulations, Laura!!

New Partnership with Gap, Inc.
The Gap, Inc. has provided NOVA with money to support the Skills for America’s Future Initiative. Under the direction of Milan Hayward, this program is designed to help Gap partner community colleges to prepare students for the workforce through on-campus and in-store learning, as well as scholarship and employment opportunities. The Gap will provide resume and interview skills training workshops on campus taught by local Gap Store leadership, provide in-store job shadow and facilitated learning sessions for a select group of students twice annually provide scholarships to students to assist with tuition and books, and conduct on-campus interviewing for seasonal and full-time sales and supervisory roles at least twice annually. For more information, please contact Milan Hayward at mhayward@nvcc.edu.

Health Care Innovation Challenge
In response to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service’s Innovation Challenge, NOVA has submitted a grant proposal to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation. The purpose of this initiative is to identify and fund compelling new models of service delivery/payment improvements that will deliver better health care, and lower costs.

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through improved quality for Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP). The goal of NOVA’s submission is to reduce the orientation time of newly hired operating room nurses through the use of virtual reality simulation. Partnering with Virginia Hospital Center and Innovation in Learning, a software firm in California, NOVA proposes to lead a team of innovators to develop virtual operating room modules. Innovation in Learning will work with the hospital’s surgical team to customize its training software to suit their needs. Reducing the time it takes to orient a new nurse is expected to cut costs and improve the quality of health care. Awards are scheduled to be announced in March 2012.

**MDC Financial Empowerment for Student Success**

Recently, the Office of Financial Aid applied for an initiative through MDC titled, “Financial Empowerment for Student Success.” While the application was not successful, the College was asked to join a learning network to focus on strategies that link financial capability training to student success at community colleges. The network is part of a partnership between Achieving the Dream, the Bank of America Charitable Foundation, and MDC. This opportunity should provide a number of options in the future for students who apply for financial aid. Those involved include Joan Zanders, Billy Ray Davis, and Nichelle Williams.

**February Brings a New Round of VCCS Applications**

NOVA faculty continued to seek funds this month from the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) to support their professional development aspirations. Whether researching, writing, and developing a new documentary on a Virginia slave rebellion or implementing wilderness first aid training to VCCS instructors leading outdoor field trips, these projects are helping to advance their respective fields and strengthen NOVA and the community college system in Virginia. This time around, 10 applications – listed below – were submitted. Decisions are expected to be made in mid-April.

Breana Bayraktar (WO), *Comparison of Instructor Feedback Methods in ESL Student Writing.*

Callan Bentley (AN) and Peter Berquist, Thomas Nelson Community College, *The Worst That Could Happen: Preparing Our Fieldtrip*

Leaders for Emergencies.

Callan Bentley (AN), *Taking field geology to the next level: Canada!*

Ramezan Dowlati (LO), *Realistic Expectations for a 21st Century Learner.*

Lucy Gebre-Egziabher and Meredith Aguilar (AL), *Gabriel’s Rebellion* (working title).

Rebecca Hayes (MA), *Understanding Factionalism in Restoration Anglo-Irish Politics – An in-depth look at changing political movements at the court of Charles II.*

Kelly Hebron (AL), *Formation of a Small Business Legal Internship (SBLI)*


Walerian Majewski (AN), *Community College of Virginia at CERN: Introducing Post-Modern Physics to C.C.*

Reva Savkar (AN) and Robert Loser (Extended Learning Institute), *Education of Students with Challenging Life Experiences – A Case Study of Teresa Academy in Nepal.*

If you are interested in applying for the next VCCS deadline on April 15 (for the fall semester), please contact the Grants Office so we may guide your application.

For more information on any of the programs mentioned above please contact Deborah Rosen, Rob Henderson, Susi Mattheisen, or Sara Stoller in the Office of Grants Development.

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