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 (NVCC) 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 NVCC.

If you have any suggestions about topics to include or would like answers to specific 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.

INTERNATIONALIZING HIGHER EDUCATION

At the U.S. University Presidents Summit on International Education on January 6th the Bush Administration announced a set of initiatives designed to increase the numbers of international students enrolling in community colleges and the numbers of community college students who participate in programs abroad. Alongside the Department of Defense’s National Security Education Program (NSEP) and the Department of Education’s Foreign Language Assistance Program (FLAP), the State Department’s National Security Language Initiative (NSLI) will provide for monies to encourage K-12 and university faculty and students to study critical need languages: Arabic, Chinese, Russian, Persian, Hindi, Farsi and other Central Asian languages. In particular the initiative will increase by nearly 40 percent the number of Benjamin A. Gilman grants that send low-income students to study abroad. Full information is expected to be posted soon on the relevant department websites. The Office of Grants Development will monitor the progress of this program.

TALENT SEARCH GRANT APPLICATION

On January 3rd the Office of Grants Development submitted a Talent Search grant application to the U.S. Department of Education. This grant application, if funded, provides for coordinated support (counseling, workshops, and test preparation) to encourage low-income, first generation high school students to graduate and enroll in postsecondary education. The partner high schools in the grant application are T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria City,
Wakefield High School in Arlington County, and J.E.B. Stuart, Annandale and Falls Church High Schools in Fairfax County. The efforts of administrators in the participating high schools and members of NVCC’s faculty and Student Development staff were invaluable in preparing the grant application. We hope to hear the award decision before the end of the academic year. The submission of this grant provides a baseline for future proposals related to recruitment and retention.

GRANTS.GOV

All federal grant applications now must be submitted online via Grants.gov. Grants.gov allows organizations to electronically find and apply for more than $400 billion in Federal grants; it is the single access point for over 1000 grant programs offered by all Federal grant-making agencies. Northern Virginia Community College is registered to submit grants online through Grants.gov. It is an involved process to enter the grant materials and it is vital that submissions not be left to the last minute. For further information please contact the Office of Grants Development.

Please feel free to call Deborah Rosen or Sue Gossman on any of these articles or on any other grant-related issues.

VCCS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH GRANTS AVAILABLE

Faculty professional development is essential for faculty and student learning. In order to support faculty in this enterprise, awards for new and on-going professional development and research are available to all full-time community college faculty in Virginia through the Virginia Community College System. Opportunities for research include discipline development, instructional development, career development and organizational development.

In addition, VCCS has created a new mini-grant program. Small grants are available to set up small conferences and meetings. More information is available on the VCCS website at http://www.vccs.edu/vcprodev/index.htm.

Monies are available in a combination of reassigned time and grant awards. The next deadline is February 1, 2006. Faculty proposals must be received electronically by 5:00 p.m. on the deadline date. However, in order to allow time for College approval and the president’s signature, applications are due in the Office of Grants Development one week prior to the deadline, which would be January 25, 2006.

If you would like assistance in the preparation or submission of a proposal, please contact Deborah Rosen, director of grants and special projects at drosen@nvcc.edu or Sue Gossman, grants writer at sgossman@nvcc.edu or a 2-3154.

Submit items of interest for publication in the Grants Newsletter via e-mail to drosen@nvcc.edu