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 announcements of grant funding. 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 703-323-3440; Robert Henderson, college grants writer at rhenderson@nvcc.edu or 703-323-3493.

Campus Grants Advisory Committees Recruiting for New Members

The Grants Office is in the process of reconstituting ad hoc grants committees on each campus, and is currently seeking volunteers. This project will assist us in transmitting timely information on grants to interested faculty. Each campus committee will meet once during the semester on that campus for approximately one hour. We are currently seeking volunteers from NOVA faculty to represent their campus in this capacity. Volunteers should have an interest in submitting and receiving grants, and should be willing to transmit information to and from College personnel. This is also a unique opportunity to play a key role in identifying and going after new grant opportunities for your campus. Please contact Deborah Rosen at drosen@nvcc.edu, if interested.

Grants Staff Hold a How-To Session at the 7th Annual PUP Conference

Quite often the Grants Office leads professional development sessions on the mechanics of getting grants for the College and how we work with faculty to make this happen. The College’s annual “Power Up Your Pedagogy” conference for faculty and staff is one example. This year, the theme was “Empowering Student Success.” Our presentation included a few case studies of recent grants that showed how good ideas from our faculty can blossom into exciting projects that can benefit the students, the College, and our peers. Thanks to all who stopped by to listen and learn and to ask questions. A few of our past and current grantees also attended our session! Deborah Rosen, Robert Henderson, and Susi Mattheisen are available for follow-up to the conference to anyone who would like to know more about submitting proposals.

All Invited to Apply for a VCCS Professional Development Grant

VCCS has a strong system-wide Professional De-
velopment Program that includes the Paul Lee Professional Development and Workshop Mini-Grants Program. The next deadline for submitting your application is February 15 for the summer semester. If you would like to learn more about these grant programs, as well as general tips for writing a good grant proposal, you can attend one of the two webinars VCCS is hosting this month.

To register for Monday, January 23, 2012 from 11 am to noon

1. Go to https://vccsedu.webex.com/vccsedu/j.php?ED=148901877&RG=1&UID=0&RT=MiMxMQ%3D%3D
2. Register for the meeting.

To register for Tuesday, January 31, 2012 from 2-3 pm

1. Go to https://vccsedu.webex.com/vccsedu/j.php?ED=148901657&RG=1&UID=0&RT=MiMxMQ%3D%3D
2. Register for the meeting.

Once the host approves your request, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions for joining the meeting.

Please contact Deborah Rosen in the Office of Grants Development if you are interested in applying. She and her staff will skillfully help you through the process and to develop your ideas on paper, as well as handle the submission requirements.

Bentley Collaborates on NSF Proposal

NOVA is poised to be a collaborator on a National Science Foundation (NSF) project being proposed under the leadership of Dr. Steven Whitmeyer with James Madison University. Callan Bentley, AN Geology Faculty Member, put much time and effort into this proposal. The project title is "Collaborative Research: Developing a Web-Based, Interactive, Multi-Level Geologic Information System Using Virginia as a Prototype Location."

Google Earth has proven to be an effective, user-friendly platform for displaying spatially-oriented geoscience information, such as geologic maps, cross sections, and supporting outcrop data. With the advent of Google Fusion Tables, we now have an infrastructure that will enable the integration of the full spectrum of geologic and environmental data with GE-based maps of bedrock, surficial geology, and soils. If funded, this project will have created a fully interactive, multi-level geologic and environmental database for the state of Virginia, using the Google Earth stand alone application and the Google Earth Application Program Interface (API) web browser plugin. This Virginia database, in turn, will be the proof of concept and template for an integrated system of geologic maps and associated data that would ultimately cover the North American continent.

The beauty of this integrated system lies in its ease of use for students, geoscience novices, and the public, as well as its utility for displaying the full spectrum of geologic and environmental data for academic and industry professionals. Best of luck to Callan and his colleagues.

Tip for Grants Management

Many grantees forget a simple step in grants management, which is that the goals and objectives as incorporated into the final contract or acceptance letter are the goals and objectives which are operative throughout the project, barring any approved, written changes. This is why it is best to work with the Office of Grants Development throughout the lifetime of an approved project to insure that goals and objectives are clear, measurable, and realistic. There are official processes for amending these, but not at the end of a project. For further information, please contact Deborah Rosen, Director of Grants and Special Projects.

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.

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

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