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 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 Robert Henderson, college grants writer at rhenderson@nvcc.edu at 703-323-3493.

State Department Grant Renewal for 2011

The State Department invited NOVA to submit a renewal proposal for the Cooperative Agreement that funded the travel and full year program for 60 underserved and non-elite students from the developing world. Dr. Syedur Rahman (CS), of the Global Affairs Office and director of the Community College Initiative Program, led a small team composed of Ms. Karen Hopkins, campus coordinator, and Ms. Kellen Espinol, program assistant, with strong support from Deborah Rosen, director of the Grants Office, and Rob Henderson, college grants writer, in preparing this proposal.

The State Department, through the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, seeks to expand the community college experience to 70 students in FY2011. NOVA guides a consortium of Miami Dade College, Maricopa County Community College District, and the City College of San Francisco for the State Department’s Community College Initiative Program. In a time of shrinking budgets, NOVA’s Consortium was asked to expand the program for FY 2011 from $2 to $2.5m.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Paul McVeigh, associate vice president for Global Affairs, Dr. Rahman, and the entire CCC project team on this singular achievement. The CCC project advanced the reputation of our college nationally, contributed to the increasing globalization of our curriculum, and enhanced the educational experience of all NOVA students. For more information on the Community College Initiative and other exchange programs available through the State Department, follow this link: www.exchanges.state.gov/community-colleges-initiative.html or email pmcveigh@nvcc.edu or srahman@nvcc.edu.

MEC Application to Kaiser Foundation

Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) submitted a grant application to the Kaiser Foundation through the Northern Virginia Community College Educational Foundation to plan and implement a number of preventive oral health service and education clinics for special underserved populations in the Northern Virginia region.

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Many NOVA Faculty and Staff Prepare VCCS Professional Development Grants

NOVA faculty and staff submitted eleven VCCS Professional Development Grant applications for the February 15, 2011 deadline. Grants office staff Deborah Rosen, Susi Mattheisen, and Rob Henderson were working up until the deadline to make sure that all proposals met the requirements and were submitted on time. However, we will not know until April which projects will be lucky enough to be funded. We will announce the winners of these modest, yet helpful, grants, along with the titles of their projects.

Any faculty interested in submitting a VCCS Professional Development grant application for a subsequent competition may contact any one of us for assistance. The deadline for the next round of VCCS Professional Development and Mini-Conference Grant funding is April 15, 2011. These opportunities are a great way to test out a project idea to see if this is something you would like to develop for additional grant funding. Follow this link for more information: http://www.vccs.edu/Default.aspx?tabid=375

Eftekhari and Israel Submit NSF Grant Application

Dr. Abe Eftekhari and Ms. Debra Israel from the AN Campus M, S, and E Division worked with Grants Office staff to prepare a grant application for the National Science Foundation. The project, “A Passageway From Vector Analysis To Vector Mechanics: A New Pedagogical Approach” identifies those modules critical for students making the transition from mathematical theory to practical applications in engineering. The project will set engineering problems into mathematical equations to produce real solutions. The project seeks to redesign engineering instructional pedagogy with the goal of increasing students’ motivation, retention, and success rate.

Scholarships for Disadvantaged Nursing Students

Deborah Rosen, along with the assistance of Joan Zanders, Sharon Sheridan, Beatrice Veney, and Dr. Flo Richman, has submitted an application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for another year of funding for scholarships for disadvantaged nursing students. These scholarships enable qualified nursing students to attend NOVA to complete their nursing credentials.

The Green Corner: In each issue, the Grants Department communicates upcoming opportunities for building a greener, more sustainable world through NOVA’s course curriculum, class projects, and research activities – and you! Please let us know if you are interested in applying for one of these grants. The Dominion Foundation is once again accepting applications for the Dominion Higher Educational Partnership, a competitive grants program for public and private institutions throughout the state of Virginia. Dominion is interested in proposals that represent innovative and promising ideas, involve programs with practical applications and near-term results, reach a significant number of students and demonstrate broad-based community support.

Grants will be given for programs in business, skilled craft, engineering, environmental sciences, alternative energies or student-led conservation projects, and technical trades. Last year, six of Virginia’s community colleges (and, George Mason University) received grants, out of a total of 16 awards. Grants can be up to $50,000, although the average is $30,000. The deadline for submitting your request is May 1. Note: Dominion will not fund more than one grant per college or university, so it is important to coordinate with the Office of Grants Development before applying. More details, including a list of past grants with descriptions of each, can be viewed at the Dominion grants page: http://www.dom.com/about/education/grants/higher-educational-partnership.jsp

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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