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.

NOVA STARS SHINE!

Congratulations to the following faculty and staff at NOVA whose creativity, passion and dedication are benefiting students here and across Virginia:

- **Nancy Wyatt**, MA Business Manager, for managing a large Virginia Department of Social Services grant for the entire state of Virginia.
- **Miriam St. Clair**, WO Biology Professor, for completing the purchase of equipment to benefit our students under the Perkins grant.
- **Hong P. Nguyen**, AL Biology Professor, for submitting a proposal for a summer bridge program for academically disadvantaged middle school students in Alexandria.
- **B.J. Ellis**, MA Biology Professor, for submitting a proposal to Li-Cor Biosciences for the purchase of DNA Sequencing equipment.
- **Kathleen Ludlow**, MA Program Head, Early Childhood Education, for her work with Prince William County.
- **Kathy Wax, Barry Salinger, Paul McVeigh, Charlotte Calobrasi, Jerry Boyd, Judy Benavides, Dick Semmler, Terry Krize, Lisa Stelle, Jane Serebousek, Jean Goodine, Bev Blois, Marsha Fisher, Ron Buchanan, Brenda Meisel, Pat Gary, Pam Narney, Miriam St. Clair, Gail Jackson, and Dave Williams (MEC)** for their exemplary work with student retention under the Perkins grant. Please share your thanks with these individuals when you see them.

Submit items of interest for publication in the Grants Newsletter via e-mail to drosen@nvcc.edu
FUND FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION (FIPSE) MAY BE AVAILABLE

There are some indications that Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) funding may be available in the near future through the U.S. Department of Education. Funding is to be used for innovative projects that are national in scope, that are responsive to a problem or need and that involve some risk. The Department of Education is not looking for a duplication of an already-tested strategy but for something new, bold, and high-impact. There is a two-stage proposal process in which five-page pre-proposals are submitted to the Department of Education and the “most competitive” of these are selected to submit a full proposal.

If you are able to recommend a project that meets the following definition: “… innovative reform projects that hold promise as models for the resolution of important issues and problems in postsecondary education,” please contact Deborah Rosen, director of grants and special projects, at 2-3440 or drosen@nvcc.edu to discuss whether your idea might be competitive.

DEADLINES COMING UP

The following deadlines may be coming up in the near future. If these sound interesting to you, please contact either Deborah Rosen drosen@nvcc.edu or Sue Gossman sgossman@nvcc.edu.

National Science Foundation—Course, Curriculum, and Laboratory Improvement
National Science Foundation—Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Talent Expansion Program

U.S. Department of Labor—Community-Based Job Training Grants
U.S. Department of Labor—Upward Bound Math and Science Grants
National Science Foundation—Teacher Professional Continuum

WHAT DO YOU DO WITH A GREAT IDEA?

Do you have a great idea for a proposal, but do not know where to find the funding to support it? Will that idea improve student success, increase resources to the College, increase access to the College, focus on teaching and learning, or build the College’s overall reputation for quality? If so, please contact Deborah Rosen, director of grants and special projects, or Sue Gossman, grant writer, at 2-3154 to discuss your idea or to match up your idea with possible funding sources.

REASSIGNED TIME FOR INTERNATIONAL GRANTS

The office of grants development is offering three to six hours of reassigned time for the fall semester to a faculty member who will help pursue a federally or privately funded international grant to support the internationalization of curriculum or student services. The ideal candidate is a “grant development” member of a group working on a defined international project. The individual will work with the director of grants and special projects to help faculty identify grant opportunities and develop proposals. For more information, contact Deborah Rosen, director of grants and special projects, at 703-323-3154 or drosen@nvcc.edu.

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