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.

NEW GRANTS WRITER

Susan (Sue) Gossman is the new grants writer for the Office of Grants Development. Sue has done grant-writing, donor prospect research and grants administration at the University of Chicago, the University of Illinois, the University of Virginia School of Continuing and Professional Studies and most recently at the University System of Maryland Office of Academic Affairs. Sue has a B.A. in Anthropology and East Asian Studies from Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan and an M.A. in Anthropology from the University of Chicago. She is currently a doctoral candidate in higher education administration at the University of Maryland College Park, with a focus on K-16 state policy and access to post-secondary education. She has two teenagers and a dog at home, so life outside of work revolves around high school sports, homework and food (not necessarily in that order).

Sue’s arrival doubles the capacity of the Office of Grants Development. Please feel free to contact her or Debbie with any grant proposal or fundraising ideas that you have. We hope to see external support of the College double as well!

VCCS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATIONS

A number of faculty applied for the most recent round of VCCS Professional Development Research grants. Applications went in October 3rd; decisions on funding are expected by the end of the month.

Applicants from the Alexandria Campus are Constance Elsberg, with a proposal for...
“Planning for a Campus Diversity Climate Assessment” and Mary Hanrahan for “Development of an Assessment Handbook for Early Childhood Education Programs.” Applicants from the Annandale Campus are Donald Gregory for “Developing and Implementing Online Interactive Exercises for Philosophy Courses” and Paula Debes for “Establishment of an American Sign Language (ASL)- English Interpretation Internship Course with a Mentorship Program.” Susannah Givens at Manassas submitted a proposal for “Case Studies of Exemplary Developmental English Instructors at a Diverse Community College.” Woodbridge’s Gail Rebhan submitted “Aging: An Art Exhibition of Photographic Digital Prints Exploring End-of-Life Issues” and the Medical Education Campus’s David Munch submitted “Comparison of Student Retention Rates Between On-line Distance Education Courses Using E-meeting Technology to Supplement Blackboard Learning With Synchronous Group Study Sessions and Those Blackboard Classes That Do Not Use E-meeting Technology.”

We applaud these faculty members for taking the time to pursue this research funding. The next round of VCCS Professional Development Research grant applications will be due in this office at the end of January; specific dates will be posted in the December newsletter.

GRANTS IN PROGRESS

The Office of Grants Development is currently pursuing grant opportunities with the League for Innovation in the Community College, the Virginia Department of Education’s Mathematics and Science Partnership (part of Title II, No Child Left Behind legislation), the U.S. Department of Education’s TRIO/Talent Search program, and the U.S. Department of Labor.

Staff have recently attended grants meetings for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (Health Resources and Services Administration) and for the Mathematics and Science Partnership. Research is ongoing for Homeland Security and Federal Bureau of Investigation grants.

INTERNATIONAL GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

As most everyone is probably aware, NVCC is now embarked upon exploring ways in which NVCC is already internationalized and ways in which it can build upon our experience to shape an institution known for its excellence in international education. An overall Internationalization Task Force, as well as a number of sub-groups, will assist in helping to develop the College’s approaches. Along these lines, the Office of Grants Development will begin highlighting various international grant opportunities in order to encourage our faculty and staff to become involved in this exciting process. A few examples follow.

The Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals is a reciprocal scholarship program funded by the U.S. Congress and German Parliament. Information is available at [http://www.cdsintl.org/cbyx/index.htm](http://www.cdsintl.org/cbyx/index.htm).

The Fulbright Visiting Specialists Program is designed to promote understanding of the Muslim world by offering opportunities to host specialists at colleges and universities. More information is available at [http://www.cies.org/Visiting_Specialists/](http://www.cies.org/Visiting_Specialists/).

Please contact Deborah Rosen at [drosen@nvcc.edu](mailto:drosen@nvcc.edu) if you would like to discuss these or other international grant opportunities.