Welcome to the latest in a series of periodic publications from the Office of Grants Development. The goal of this newsletter is to provide information to faculty and staff about the grants process at the College and to disseminate announcements of grant awards. If you have any suggestions about topics to include or would like answers to specific questions, please contact Deborah Rosen, director of grants and special projects, at drosen@nvcc.edu.

Changes to Our Division are Taking Place

This past month has been a time of change. You may have noticed the new banner on this latest edition of our newsletter. NOVA’s Office of Grants Development is now contained within the newly organized Office of Sponsored Programs. This restructuring is a result of an ongoing review to enhance our competitiveness for securing and managing current and future sponsored funding from federal, state, local, and foundation sources. These changes will build our capacity to keep pace with current rapid growth (as a result of several large federal grants in the last few years) and to respond to new grant opportunities that support our strategic initiatives. David Mineo of McGladry, LLP, who has been assisting the College to institute these changes, has been named interim Executive Director of the new Office of Sponsored Programs. The Office of Grants Development, under Deborah Rosen, will continue to handle grant submissions activities.

Office of Grants Development has Moved!

The Grants Development staff packed its cardboard boxes, and has moved from the Pitney Bowes building in Annandale. Our new location is 3926 Pender Drive, Pender 2, suite 126-129. Our phone and email information will remain the same. Please stop by and say hello (and provide us with recommendations for lunch places)!

Come Look at Our New Web Site

Our big move is not the only exciting thing to happen. Over the past two months, we have been working hard to revamp the grants development web page to make it more responsive to the NOVA community. Launched in late September, our new site provides instruction on where to look for grants, how to submit an application, and the steps to take to manage your grant and ensure compliance. Also provided are useful links to federal agency grant programs and online resources for obtaining current demographic and workforce data. Be sure to check out our blog on the right of the page for the latest news on upcoming deadlines and workshops, new funds awarded to the college, and other grants news. Leave a comment or let us know if you would like to see other information offered on our site. Many thanks to Cathy Simpson and her staff at NOVA’s Internal Communications & Web Services who helped design our new site.

Virginia Bridges to the Baccalaureate

NOVA is the sub-recipient of a National Institutes of Health (NIH) Bridges to the Baccalaureate Program grant awarded to Virginia Tech. Dr. Ia Gomez (MA) will collaborate with faculty at VA Tech to increase the number of underrepresented Virginia residents pursuing degrees and research career paths in the bio-medical and behavior sciences. Congrats to Dr. Gomez for developing this exciting partnership!

National GeoTech Center of Excellence

In October, NOVA received a sub-award through a
National Science Foundation grant awarded to the Kentucky Community and Technical College System to support the National GeoTech Center of Excellence. **Dr. Michael Krimmer (LO)** was asked to lend his expertise for the activities conducted at this National Center because of his national reputation as an expert in the Geospatial field. Activities will include updating model courses, collecting and updating data for college and university GIST programs, and exploring methodologies for increasing student credentials, professional certifications, and research stackable certificates and Geospatial Security. Congrats Mike!

**NOVA Faculty Apply for VCCS Professional Development Grants**

At least 15 NOVA faculty members have submitted applications for the latest (tri-annual) VCCS deadline to request funds supporting their professional development. Due to a glitch on the VCCS website, the deadline was moved to October 25 this round. Proposals have ranged from holding Cybersecurity and Cyber Warfare mini-workshops, to the development of a Japanese Placement Exam, to a partnership between community colleges and state prisons that provides higher education to female inmates in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The next VCCS deadline is February 15 for activities taking place in the summer semester.

Decisions on applications will be made by December 15. Look for an upcoming edition of the newsletter at that time for news of the awards.

*For more information on any of the programs mentioned above please contact Deborah Rosen at drosen@nvcc.edu.*