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.

From Brazil to Richmond and Back! From Study Abroad to STEM! The Grants Office is There!!

NOVA the Recipient of New U.S. Department of State Grant for Study Abroad in Brazil

NOVA was awarded $124,293 for the “Capacity Building Program for U.S. Undergraduate Study Abroad.” The focus of the program is to strengthen NOVA’s study abroad capacity by establishing an anchor program in an institutionally strategic part of the world that attracts broad interest among both students and faculty across a wide range of academic disciplines. NOVA will develop this program in collaboration with the Federal Institute of Education, Science and Technology of Goias (IFG) in Brazil, and will focus on creating two pilot programs in Environmental Studies and Portuguese language. The study abroad program complements other institutional activities and interests the College is currently involved with in Brazil. Ms. Stacey Bustillos will be the project director for this program and was instrumental in assembling the proposal, along with Mr. Robert Henderson and Ms. Deborah Rosen.

NOVA Receives Increase in Current U.S. Department of State Funding

The College has administered the Community College Initiative under Dr. Syedur Rahman since 2011. This program, funded by the U.S. Department of State, brings disadvantaged students from various countries to study at NOVA and a number of partner institutions. In recognition of our good work, NOVA was awarded an additional $1,000,000 to complement its existing $2,250,000 award for a total of $3,250,000. NOVA and its partner institutions will host approximately 85 students from Brazil, Cameroon, Costa Rica, Egypt, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Pakistan, Panama, South Africa, and Turkey to study in various fields. In addition, the colleges will provide intensive English instruction to 58 students for 4 – 6 weeks to prepare them for their studies, and will offer supplemental language instruction as needed throughout the academic year. Students will take classes in their field of study, gain a first-hand understanding of American society, participate in leadership and professional development programming, and develop practical skills that will equip them to participate productively in the economic life of their home countries. Congratulations, Dr. Rahman and to NOVA!!

NOVA to Receive NSF Grant Funding through Mason for Noyce Learning Assistants

George Mason University has received an NSF grant to 1) increase the number of undergraduate STEM majors choosing a career in teaching; 2) enhance teacher preparation experiences for these individuals; and 3) provide additional support to these individuals in the first year of teaching. Since many undergraduate STEM majors at Mason are transfer students from NOVA, the College of Science at Mason will make a concerted effort to re-
As one of the leading colleges in the Achieving the Dream “Catalyst” Funding initiative, NOVA was eligible to apply for a Catalyst Fund Grant through Achieving the Dream. Funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, these funds can be used to scale an intervention that is succeeding at a leader college and can be verified with data. Under the direction of Dr. George Gabriel, the College has chosen to apply for funding to scale its developmental math redesign from “more to most,” i.e., from serving many developmental math students to serving most developmental math students over time. Dr. Gabriel worked with Ms. Deborah Rosen to assemble the quantitative and qualitative data and to prepare the proposal needed to support our case. Also assisting Dr. Gabriel with this effort were Dr. Vara­ lakshmi Sontam and Ms. Megan Oster, of the Office of Institutional Research, and Ms. Joyce Samuels, LO, and Ms. Teresa Overton, WO. Thanks to all for your assistance in documenting our case.

Brazil Comes to Fruition for NOVA

In April, Dr. Robert G. Templin, Jr., President of NOVA, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Brazilian Ministry of Education agency responsible for funding scholarships for Brazilian students, called CAPES (Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior). This program will bring students to the United States for baccalaureate education beginning in the summer of 2013. NOVA will provide an English language enrichment program prior to the students attending their four year institutions. This award recognizes NOVA’s world-class immersion English language training and the depth and richness of its international connections and its vibrant partnerships with the colleges of the Community College Consortium. Miami Dade College, the Maricopa County Community College District in Phoenix, DuPage Community College in Chicago, Houston Community College, and the City College of San Francisco will mobilize their resources to service these Brazilian students under this grant.

Dr. Syedur Rahman completed the negotiations over the program plan with CAPES in Brasilia last month. On the 29th of August, Dr. Templin received the formal announcement of the program, which will be worth $9,000,000 annually. There will be a delegation of the NOVA leadership that will travel to Brazil for the signing of the completed agreement in the near future. Congratulations to Dr. Rahman, Dr. Paul McVeigh, and Ms. Stacey Bustillos and the other principals at NOVA that played a role in bringing into reality this prestigious and innovative program for our College.

If you have other ideas for funding you would like to discuss with the Office of Grants Development, please call or e-mail Director, Deborah Rosen, at drosen@nvcc.edu or 2-3154; Assistant Director, Robert Henderson, at rhenderson@nvcc.edu or 2-3493, or Grant Writer, Susi Mattheisen, at smattheisen@nvcc.edu or 2-3541.

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