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FREF Funding Renewed

The Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) has announced two more years of funding for the UMN Morris Faculty Research Enhancement Funds (FREF) program. FREF funds are administered through the Dean's Office, with grants approved by a faculty committee. These investments by OVPR play an important role in advancing the research enterprise on this campus. We are extremely grateful to OVPR for their continued support of the Morris campus.

International Travel Grants

Deadline: December 15, 2021 (Additional deadlines: March 15 and August 15)

Global Programs and Strategy (GPS) Alliance provides international travel grants which are funded by the University of Minnesota central administration to support the internationalization of the University on all campuses through research, teaching, and outreach. Grants can be used for travel abroad or to bring international colleagues to Morris. The average award is $1,500 with a maximum award up to $2,000 for an individual and up to $5,000 for group projects. Funding can be used for travel which has or will occur within one year before or after receiving the award. UMN faculty and P&A staff are eligible if they have not received an award in the last three years, with priority given to those who have never received travel grant funding from the GPS Alliance, in an effort to reach new faculty and staff and to provide grants in amounts that are impactful.

http://global.umn.edu/funding/travelgrant/index.html

Institute for Advanced Studies Research and Creative Collaboratives

IAS Research and Creative Collaboratives represent some of the most innovative work at the University. These self-initiated groups come together with the idea of working on a project of common interest—be it the development of a performance piece, the exploration of a concept or research area through different disciplines, or the creation of a supportive intellectual community. With the Collaboratives, the IAS promotes synergistic interdisciplinary activity transcending departmental structures.

Applications for 2022–2023 IAS Research and Creative Collaboratives will open in January 2022.

https://ias.umn.edu/node/61

Use U of M Reports to Track Your Grant Finances

Do you have an external grant? If you want an up-to-date picture of where you sit financially, you can pull valuable reports from the recently improved U of M Reports system, which is available from your "MyU" page. Jodi Sperr has created these easy to follow instructions on accessing your information. Once you create your initial report, you can save your parameters in the system, and pull future reports in far fewer steps.

Recordings from 2021 NSF Virtual Grants Conference Now Available

The webinar recordings are now available on NSF's Policy Office's Resource Center: https://nsfpolicyoutreach.com/resource-center/. The webinars are also posted on their YouTube page (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6-z6ATN6HU_CreMydeLftg).

Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) Dialogues

February 14 - 18, 2022 | Virtual (Asynchronous content will also be available for viewing up to three months post-event.) https://www.cur.org/what/events/conferences/cur_dialogues/

CUR Dialogues offers a virtual structure that will allow viewing of scheduled presentations and conversations with federal agencies and grant funding decision-makers in both live and on-demand formats. This valuable annual event provides information for those getting started in the funding and grants processes, delivering practical advice, case studies, and much more. We do have funds to cover a limited number of faculty registrations. If you are interested, contact John Hamerlinck at hamer111@morris.umn.edu.

Assorted Grant Opportunities for Your Consideration

Bush Foundation
Community Innovation Grants - These grants "support communities to use problem-solving processes that lead to more effective, equitable and sustainable solutions. Think of it as civic R&D, allowing communities to develop and test new solutions to community challenges." Rolling deadline
https://www.bushfoundation.org/community-innovation-grants

Joyce Foundation
Education & Economic Mobility Program - College and Career Readiness, and Post-Secondary Success - focused on Illinois, Indiana, and Minnesota and on national efforts. Deadline: February 23
https://www.joycefdn.org/programs/education-economic-mobility

McKnight Foundation
Vibrant & Equitable Communities Program - Accelerate Economic Mobility, Build Community Wealth, Cultivate a Fair and Just Housing System, and Strengthen Democratic Participation. Initial Inquiry Deadlines: January 15, April 15, July 15, & October 15
https://www.mcknight.org/programs/vibrant-and-equitable-communities/

National Endowment for the Arts
The Big Read supports the development of community-wide reading programs which encourage reading and participation by diverse audiences. These programs include activities such as author readings, book discussions, art exhibits, lectures, film series, music or dance events, theatrical performances, panel discussions, and other events and activities related to a specific book chosen by the community. Big Read is a partnership between the National Endowment for the Arts and Arts Midwest. Organizations throughout the country are eligible to apply. The application deadline is January 26, 2022.
https://www.artsmidwest.org/programs/neabigread

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowships
NEH Fellowships are competitive awards granted to individual scholars pursuing projects that embody exceptional research, rigorous analysis, and clear writing. Applications must clearly articulate a project's value to humanities scholars, general audiences, or both.
Application available February 13, 2022
Application due April 13, 2022
https://www.neh.gov/grants/research/fellowships

National Science Foundation
Faculty Early Career Development Program (CAREER)
The CAREER Program is a Foundation-wide activity that offers the National Science Foundation's most prestigious awards in support of early-career faculty who have the potential to serve as academic role models in research and education and to lead advances in the mission of their department or organization. Activities pursued by early-career faculty should build a firm foundation for a lifetime of leadership in integrating education and research. Deadline: July 25
https://beta.nsf.gov/funding/opportunities/faculty-early-career-development-program-career

Spencer Foundation
Small Research Grants
The Small Research Grants Program supports education research projects that will contribute to the improvement of education, broadly conceived, with budgets up to $50,000 for projects ranging from one to five years. Deadline: December 1
https://www.spencer.org/grant_types/small-research-grant

John Templeton Foundation
Science and the Big Questions
Supports innovative efforts to address the deepest questions facing humankind (see RFP for specific areas of interest). Supports academic research on these and similar questions, and efforts to bring relevant findings to non-specialist audiences. Deadline: August 19, 2022
https://www.templeton.org/funding-areas/science-big-questions

https://grants.morris.umn.edu/