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NIH NOTICE

The NIH Guide will be closed for business from December 24, 2010 through January 2, 2011. The Guide will reopen on Monday, January 3, 2011.

Webinar



Evaluation of U.S. News and World Report and THE World University Rankings: An Analysis of the Ranking Methodologies

Reserve your seat now by calling OSP @ 823-9053 or emailing ceduheharris@nsu.edu

Wednesday, January 12, 2011, 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

MCAR 601 Board Conference Room

This presentation will provide a detailed overview of the methodologies utilized by both U.S. News and World Report Best Colleges and Times Higher Education World University Rankings. We will also address potential strategies for improving institutional ranking for each ranking system. We will conclude with a brief Q&A and discussion prompted by call attendees.

Outline

Intro: Five Influential Global Ranking Systems

Part I: U.S. News and World Report Best Colleges Rankings

Definitions of Ranking Criteria

Z-Score Calculations

Potential Strategies for Improving Rankings

Part II: Times Higher Education World University Rankings

Pillars of the Times Higher Education–Quacquarelli Symonds (THE-QS) World University Rankings

- Criteria and Indicators
- Weightings, Normalization, and Limitations

History of Modifications to the THE-QS Rankings

Potential Strategies for Improving Rankings

Future of QS World University Rankings

THE Rankings Powered By Thompson Reuters

- New Methodology

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE
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Analysis of the Criminal Justice System's Data Architecture

Deadlines: March 7, 2011

Funding Amount: \$500,000 annually

NIJ is seeking applications for funding research to conduct a comprehensive analysis of the elements of the criminal justice system's data architecture. This research should provide a clear picture of how information is generated and used, how it flows through the system from beginning to end, and how the delivery of information may be improved.

<http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000976.pdf>



Translating Basic Behavioral and Social Science Discoveries into Interventions to Improve Health-Related Behaviors

Deadlines: New: February 05, 2011

Funding Amount: Unspecified

This FOA seeks highly innovative Research Project Grant applications that propose to translate findings from basic research on human behavior into effective clinical, community, or population-based behavioral interventions to improve health. Specifically, this FOA will support interdisciplinary teams of basic and applied biological, behavioral and/or social science researchers in developing and refining novel behavioral interventions with high potential impact to improve health-promoting behaviors (e.g., healthy dietary intake, sun safety, physical activity, or adherence to medical regimens), and/or reduce problem health behaviors (e.g., smoking, tanning or physical activity or alcohol or substance use, abuse or dependence).

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-11-063.html>



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Research Fellowship Opportunities

Science To Achieve Results



Science To Achieve Results (STAR) Graduate Fellowships

- Funds up to \$42,000/year
- Annual \$25,000 stipend, \$5,000 for expenses, \$12,000 for tuition and fees
- U.S. citizens, permanent residents, and resident aliens with green cards may apply.

Qualifying Areas of Research for STAR Fellowships:

- Global Change
- Clean Air
- Drinking Water
- Water Quality
- Human Health
- Ecosystem Services
- Pesticides and Toxic Substances
- Land Protection
- Science & Technology for Sustainability
- Nanotechnology
- Emerging Environmental Approaches and Challenges
- Tribes and American Indian/Alaska Native/Pacific Islander Communities

Greater Research Opportunities



Greater Research Opportunities (GRO) Undergraduate Fellowships

- Funds up to \$48,900 for the last 2 years
- \$800 monthly stipend, \$2,500 expense allowance, up to \$10,000 for tuition and fees
- Summer Internship at EPA with \$9,500 stipend, including relocation expenses
- U.S. citizens, permanent residents, and resident aliens with green cards may apply
- HBCU students are ENCOURAGED to APPLY!

Areas of Research Supported for GRO

- Natural and Life Sciences
- Environmental Science
- Social Sciences and Environmental Decision Making
- Physical Sciences
- Mathematics and Computer Sciences
- Engineering



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