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Math and Science Partnership (MSP)

Deadline: March 05, 2012

Funding Amount: Unspecified

The Math and Science Partnership (MSP) program is a major research and development effort that supports innovative partnerships to improve K-12 student achievement in mathematics and science. MSP projects are expected to raise the achievement levels of all students and significantly reduce achievement gaps in the STEM performance of diverse student populations. MSP projects contribute to what is known in K-12 STEM education. All STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) fields supported by NSF may be involved in this work, with special encouragement to areas that are gaining increased traction at the K-12 level, such as computer science and engineering, in addition to mathematics and science. MSP projects also serve as models that have a sufficiently strong evidence/research base to improve STEM education outcomes for all students.

Through this solicitation, NSF seeks to support two levels of Targeted Partnership awards, Implementation and Prototype. Implementation awards are intended to develop and put into practice innovative approaches and strategies in education. Prototype awards explore potentially innovative approaches and strategies in education. Both types of Partnerships incorporate significant new innovations to STEM education, linked to a strong educational research agenda, in one of four focal areas: Community Enterprise for STEM Learning; Current Issues Related to STEM Content; Identifying and Cultivating Exceptional Talent; and K-12 STEM Teacher Preparation. In addition, there are three types of Research, Evaluation and Technical Assistance (RETA) project opportunities in this solicitation: research related to sustainability, or policies, or state plans for STEM education; technical assistance for evaluators of MSP projects; and the STEM Education Resource Collaboratory.

http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2012/nsf12518/nsf12518.htm?WT.mc_id=USNSF_25&WT.mc_ev=click

Fostering International Research on Women in Public Service



Deadline: February 15, 2012

Funding Amount: \$60,000

The Women in Public Service Project (WPSP) aims to build a generation of women leaders who will invest in their countries and communities, provide leadership in governments, and change the way global solutions are forged. Evidence based research is one key to improving policy decisions in order to increase the presence of women in public service. The first funded research component of WPSP will provide grants for research within a total amount of 60,000 dollars. This research is intended to be used for practical applications: informing policy makers and providing input for the design of effective programs to attract, retain and advance women in public service. Applications will only be accepted from international teams that include a member from at least one ESF eligible country (see full announcement.) That is, the research proposals must involve researchers in a minimum of two countries. Interdisciplinary applications are encouraged.

<https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=13461>

Deadline: February 01, 2012 **Funding Amount:** \$10,000

The Open Grant Program is open to proposals rooted in any humanities disciplines in any format. Most open grants fall within the \$3-10,000 range; grants over \$10,000 are rare. Proposals are submitted online and must address all proposal requirements. Narratives for the Open Grant Program usually range from 4-6 pages. Draft proposals are strongly encouraged.

<http://www.virginiafoundation.org/grants/opportunities.html#open>

Deadline: Open **Funding Amount:** \$3,000

The Discretionary Grant Program allows VFH to make smaller grants. There is no deadline for this program; applications are accepted at any time.

<http://www.virginiafoundation.org/grants/opportunities.html#discretionary>

Deadline: Open **Funding Amount:** \$15,000

The VFH Fellowship Program is open to independent and affiliated scholars, professionals, and others working on projects in the humanities. The Virginia Foundation for the Humanities offers residential fellowships to scholars and writers in the humanities. We seek applications that are intellectually stimulating, imaginative, and accessible to the public. There are no restrictions on topic, and applications are invited from across the broad spectrum of the humanities. All applicants are considered for our two endowed fellowships.

<http://www.virginiafoundation.org/research/fellowships/>



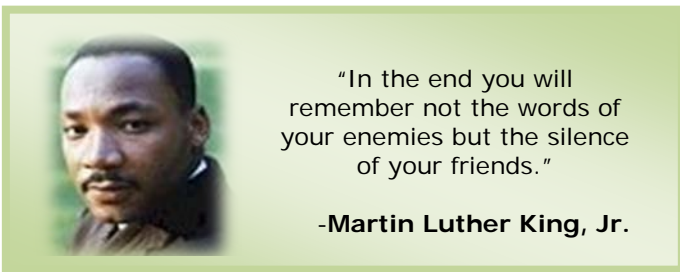
NIDDK Education Program Grants

Deadline: January 25, 2012

Funding Amount: \$100,000

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) encourages Research Education (R25) grant applications from applicant organizations that propose to create educational opportunities for undergraduate students, graduate students, and postdoctoral fellows in areas of biomedical or behavioral research of particular interest to the NIDDK, while fostering the career development of these students and fellows. The structure of the educational opportunity can include an intensive summer research program, a curriculum-based program or a combination of both experiences. The NIDDK is especially interested in attracting students and postdoctoral fellows from scientific disciplines underrepresented in disease-oriented biomedical research, such as engineering, informatics, computer science, and computational sciences, to encourage them to apply their expertise to research relevant to diabetes and other endocrine and metabolic diseases; digestive and liver diseases; nutrition; obesity research and prevention; and kidney, urologic and hematologic diseases.

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-12-047.html>



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