Weekly Funding Opportunities

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WVU Research Apprentiship Program (RAP) - In the Fall of 2017 the Office of Undergraduate Research is piloting a program called Research Apprenticeship Program (RAP) to allow freshman and sophomore level undergraduate students to use federal work-study funds for undergraduate research apprenticeships with WVU research faculty. More on the program at http://undergraduateresearch.wvu.edu/students/programs-at-wvu/rap Faculty interested in mentoring a Research Apprenticeship Program student please apply at http://undergraduateresearch.wvu.edu/students/programs-at-wvu/rap/faculty-mentors If you have any questions, please contact us at RAP@mail.wvu.edu

STUDENT RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES AND FELLOWSHIPS

NSF SOCIOLOGY PROGRAM - Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Awards (Soc-DDRI) - As part of its effort to encourage and support projects that explicitly integrate education and basic research, the Sociology Program provides support to improve the conduct of doctoral dissertation projects undertaken by doctoral students enrolled in U.S. universities when the dissertation research is conducted in a scientifically sound manner and it offers strong potential for enhancing more general scientific knowledge. The Sociology Program funds doctoral dissertation research to defray direct costs associated with conducting research, for example, dataset acquisition, additional statistical or methodological training, meeting with scholars associated with original datasets, and fieldwork away from the student's home campus. Projects are evaluated using the two Foundation-wide criteria, intrinsic merit and broader impacts. In assessing the intrinsic merit of proposed research, four components are key to securing support from the Sociology Program: (1) the issues investigated must be theoretically grounded; (2) the research should be based on empirical observation or be subject to empirical validation or illustration; (3) the research design must be appropriate to the questions asked; and (4) the proposed research must advance our understanding of social processes, structures and methods. **Application Due Date: October 15, 2017.**
https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=505118&org=SBE&from=home
New Connections: Increasing Diversity of RWJF Programming – This program is celebrating its 11th year; over the history of the program, it has supported research grants and career development opportunities for a network of more than 920 researchers from diverse, underrepresented and historically disadvantaged backgrounds. New Connections is a career development program for early career researchers, providing support to grantees and other individuals who are part of a network of eligible researchers. Through grantmaking, mentorship, career development and networking, New Connections enhances the research capacity of its grantees and network members. The researchers in this program come from multiple disciplines (health, social sciences, business, urban planning, architecture and engineering); work to build the case for a Culture of Health with strong qualitative and quantitative research skills; and produce and translate timely research results. **Application Due Date: May 16, 2017.** http://www.rwjf.org/en/library/funding-opportunities/2017/new-connections--increasing-diversity-of-rwjf-programming.html

Student Technology Prize for Primary Healthcare - This annual national competition is intended to encourage graduate and undergraduate engineering students to direct their creative skills toward the needs of primary care. APF seeks innovations which have a substantial potential to support improved delivery of this care. These may be technologies, instrumentation, devices, systems, or the like. Technologies of particular interest are ones that could improve access to medical care, leverage the skills of caregivers, automate routine tasks, increase workflow efficiency, support patients with chronic disease, increase compliance with care protocols, reduce medical error, or augment the physician-patient relationship. Applicants should pay close attention to these objectives, as technologies supporting specialty care are of much lesser interest to the judges. Innovations are sought for use in any setting, not just those of the traditional medical-practice office. The full range of venues of daily living, from home to work and beyond, present attractive opportunities for innovations which could enhance the quality and continuity of primary care. **Application Due Date: Pre-Proposals are due by May 1, 2017**. http://www.massgeneral.org/apf/studentprize/