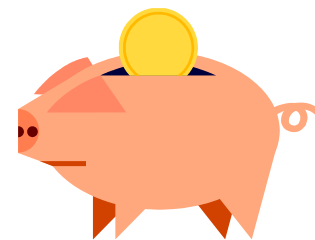




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College Receives Prestigious NSF Noyce Award

The SUNY College at Oneonta has received a \$900,000 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) in support of *The SUNY Oneonta Noyce Scholars Program*, intended to address the challenge of preparing highly qualified high school science teachers for careers in high-need school districts. The program is under the direction of Dr. Paul Bischoff (Secondary Education) serving as Principal Investigator (PI), with co-PIs James Ebert (Earth Sciences), Todd Ellis (Earth Sciences), Paul French (Physics & Astronomy), and John Schaumloffel (Chemistry & Biochemistry). Rich Campbell, representing the Catskill Area School Study Council and the Division of Education, is also a major contributor to the project.

Graduating with full-content degrees in both Adolescence Education and their chosen science discipline (Biology, Earth Sciences, Chemistry or Physics), SUNY Oneonta Noyce Scholars will gain a unique perspective from service in both high-need urban and rural districts, facilitated by summer experiences in New York City schools and by academic-year and summer experiences in rural schools within SUNY Oneonta's geographic area. This will be bolstered by specialized coursework in both pedagogy and science content as well as experience with informal science education at the SUNY Oneonta Science Discovery Center and College Observatory, nationally recognized science museums, and more. The goal of the program is to prepare at least twenty-four (24) new teachers during the project period, a sustainable forty percent increase in the number of certified high school science teachers graduating from SUNY Oneonta annually. Additionally, on-campus pre-service and post-graduation in-service support for teachers will help guide them through the first years of their professional experiences in the classroom. This will lead to greater retention of and success for these teachers as they serve in challenging, high-need districts.



Dr. Paul Bischoff and student

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NYSTAR Research Equipment and Facilities Database

Did you ever have a need for specific research equipment, or wonder who might offer access to certain lab facilities – all within arm's reach? In order to facilitate access to information on fellow researchers and research equipment at New York State's universities, the Research Foundation of SUNY hosts the NYSTAR database that includes state-of-the-art equipment, labs and prototyping facilities at New York's higher ed institutions and research centers. Check out www.rfsuny.org and the link for NYSTAR Research Equipment and Facilities Database, along with other Research Foundation resources, for in-depth information to support SUNY faculty researchers.

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According to PI Bischoff, “this award speaks strongly to the commitment of the science departments and the Science Education Program to providing top-notch science teachers for the nation’s public school classrooms. For the undergraduate science majors, participation in this program is an outstanding opportunity to learn how to be a science teacher and ultimately make a lasting difference in the lives of the students they teach.”

The NSF grant program is named for Dr. Robert Noyce, co-founder of Intel Corp and the scientist awarded the 1961 patent for the integrated semiconductor. In his last interview, Noyce was asked what he would do if he were “emperor” of the United States. He said that he would, among other things, “make sure we are preparing our next generation to flourish in a high-tech age. And that means education of the lowest and the poorest, as well as at the graduate school level.”



Agency Proposal Limits

The Grants Development Office (GDO) can serve you best if you contact us during the early stages of proposal development, and provide a clear working idea of your project or program. **This is particularly pertinent for sponsored programs that impose a restriction on the number of proposals that can be submitted by a given institution.** A good example is the National Science Foundation’s Major Research Instrumentation program, which allows three submissions per annual cycle (one of which must be for instrument development).

The Deans are responsible for determining which applications shall be submitted to programs that impose such limits. The process is coordinated by the GDO, communicating with the Deans to prevent a situation where efforts to develop a proposal without the knowledge of the GDO, Finance, and Academic Affairs could result in the proposal not being submitted by the institution. Proposals are officially signed by a campus Authorized Organizational Representative (AOR) (Dr. Leif Hartmark and Sponsored Programs [SP] Director Kim Muller), working closely with the GDO to have budgets approved, institutional commitments confirmed, etc., so it is likewise important that they are informed (through the GDO) about upcoming grant deadlines and planned submissions.

Bottom line: Be sure to carefully examine the guidelines of a program you are considering and **contact the GDO as soon as you think you may be interested in developing a proposal,** well in advance of the deadline, whether or not the sponsor has imposed a submission limit.

A reminder... It is College policy that all proposals submitted by faculty and staff to external funding agencies must be cleared through the GDO and SP for application through the Research Foundation of SUNY. Awards for proposals that have been submitted to external sponsors without assistance from the GDO/SP and without securing the appropriate administrative approvals may not be accepted by the College (the official recipient of most awards).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Faculty Orientation

- Grants Development Office (GDO) • Sponsored Programs (SP) •
- Center for Economic and Community Development (CECD) •

Monday, September 14, 2009

3:30 PM

Morris Conference Center, Room 103

Sponsored by Academic Affairs, the “New” Faculty Orientation provides an overview to the services provided by the GDO and SP to make the grants-seeking and administration process a positive partnership experience, and to the services of the CECD, a community resource linking education, research and service. You don’t have to be a new member of our campus community to attend, however—everyone is welcome!

And, of course, refreshments will be available.

Tenth Annual Faculty Research Show

Friday, February 12, 2010 (Morris Conference Center)

Student Research Day

Thursday, April 22, 2010 (Hunt College Union)

Keynote Speaker: Dr. James Hayward '76
Chairman, President and CEO of [Applied DNA Sciences, Inc.](#)



What We Do & How We Do It

The Grants Development Office and Sponsored Programs work cooperatively to acquire and administer grant awards and contracts for SUNY College at Oneonta. Grant-related tasks generally fall into one of two categories: so-called “pre-award” activities include everything that takes place up until a grant is awarded or contract is signed; “post-award” tasks include the administration of payroll, purchasing, benefits, reporting, various compliance issues, and other tasks performed to carry out sponsored programs according to the awarding agency’s requirements.