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The Grants Development Office
SUNY College at Oneonta
Oneonta, New York

Fall 2007

WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING FACULTY/STAFF

The Grants Development Office (GDO) supports research and program development by providing a number of key grants-seeking and other services including: identifying potential funding sources through a number of web-based and printed tools; assisting with developing, writing and submitting proposals; and providing post-award support in conjunction with the Sponsored Programs Office. Our primary focus is on grants and contracts that are awarded through the College; however, we also help faculty with individual external award applications (such as fellowships) when our workload permits. We also facilitate a number of other activities that broadly promote and support research and scholarly activity on the campus. Please call for an appointment or stop by to discuss a current project or other ideas you may have (see back cover for contact information). And, we invite all new faculty, as well as any member of the faculty/staff who would like to learn more about our services, to our Fall orientation (see below).

New Faculty Orientation

Monday, 17 September 2007, 4:00 p.m.

Morris Conference Center, Room 103

You don't have to be a new member of our campus community to learn about the services we provide to faculty and staff to make the grants-seeking process a positive partnership experience. Everyone is welcome. And, of course, refreshments will be available.

CONGRATULATIONS TO RECENT EXTERNAL GRANT RECIPIENTS

- ✧ **James Ebert** (Earth Sciences): *Exploring Earth's Integrated Systems: A Graduate Course in Earth System Science at SUNY Oneonta* (Earth System Science Education Alliance)
- ✧ **Willard Harman** (Biological Field Station): *Acquisition of Hydroacoustic and Associated Instrumentation for Fisheries Research* (National Science Foundation)
- ✧ **Gayane Torosyan** (Communication Arts): *EARwitness Testimony: Applying Listener Perspectives to Developing a Working Concept of Localism in Broadcast Radio* (National Association of Broadcasters)

ON-CAMPUS GRANT PROGRAMS PROVIDE FUNDING FOR FACULTY DEVELOPMENT, RESEARCH AND INNOVATIVE TEACHING

- **Faculty Research and Creative Activity Grant Programs (GDO):**
Guidelines will be announced mid-fall. Last year's materials can be viewed on the GDO website (www.oneonta.edu/advancement/grants/).
- **Student Grant Program for Research and Creative Activity** (College Senate Committee on Research): Two rounds (fall and spring); the first round announcement for submissions will be available in mid-fall. See www.oneonta.edu/academics/frc/ for previous guidelines.
- **Teaching, Learning and Technology Center awards (TLTC):**
Fellowship Program and the Academic Excellence Award for Innovative Uses of Instructional Technology. Deadlines are usually at the end of the fall semester. See the TLTC website for information (Funding Opportunities link).
- **Walter B. Ford Grants Program for Professional Development and Faculty Research** (Walter B. Ford Grants Committee, appointed by the President): Usually announced in the spring with an April deadline. Contact the GDO if you would like a copy of the 2006-07 guidelines.
- **Faculty Development Funds** (Provost's Office): Teaching, scholarship and service categories; early fall semester deadline.
- **UUP Individual Development Awards:** A State/UUP Joint Labor-Management Committee program (www.uup.lmc.state.ny.us). Proportional allocations are assigned to each campus based on unit member population. Award decisions and deadline dates are determined by each Campus Professional Development Committee (usually spring semester).

Money is a terrible master but an excellent servant. Phineas Taylor Barnum (1810-1891)

GRANTS DEVELOPMENT OFFICE: CONTRACTS “R” US, too!

In addition to external funding for faculty research and program development, the College is awarded millions of dollars in contracts for public services. In fact, over 90% of our external funds are awarded through contracts, primarily from the US Department of Education. The College at Oneonta is home to nationally-recognized migrant programs that provide technical assistance, professional development, education and services within New York State and across the country. In addition to monies for those contracts, programs such as within the Center for Economic & Community Development are contracted for surveys, facilitation and other services to agencies throughout our region. Funding for focused research is also often performed under contract, such as work by the Biological Field Station. The GDO staff is well versed in contract development and management in response to this increasingly popular funding mechanism. Contracts are a different beast than grants and must be well crafted to protect your interests and those of the institution.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
AND PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE RESEARCH RELATED EVENTS**

- **Faculty Research Show—Wednesday, 12 March 2008**
- **Student Research Day—Wednesday, 16 April 2008**

FOCUS ON COMPLIANCE ISSUES

Export Controls

In response to a shift in priorities at the federal level in regard to control of exports, the United States government has enacted laws for reasons of national security and foreign policy that regulate the distribution of specific technology, information and services to foreign persons and foreign countries. These laws are applicable to U.S. citizens, and are relevant to the university community, especially in respect to travel and research conducted by individuals alone and/or in affiliation with the university.

The Director of Grants Development, Kim Muller, and Vice President of Finance & Administration, Dr. Leif Hartmark, have worked together to develop a web-based program to evaluate potential export control issues of faculty and staff who are funded by campus or campus-flow through (external) funds. The survey can be accessed at the GDO website under Compliance at <http://www.oneonta.edu/advancement/grants/exportcontrols>.

During the fall 2007 semester, Kim will be meeting with faculty and staff in various departments to introduce and explain the export controls program and related issues. It is the intent to fully implement the program in the spring 2008 semester. If you have any questions regarding export controls and how they might affect you, please call Kim at x2479.

Protection of Human Subjects

The protection of human subjects in research may seem like an area of compliance that has little significance to our campus since we are not a medical research facility. However, human subjects protection is broad-based and applies to many areas of our research and academics. In fact, everyone who takes a higher level education course, for example, is likely to be involved in research that requires review to assure protection of human subjects.

In order to update our compliance with human subjects protection, the College at Oneonta has become a member of CITI (Collaborative IRB Training Initiative) and will offer CITI's on-line educational compliance program, Course in the Protection of Human Research Subjects, administered by the University of Miami. The program has been piloted on campus and will be fully implemented in spring 2008. Kim Muller, program administrator, will be working with Craig Bielert, Chair of the Institutional Review Board (IRB), to introduce the program to faculty and students.

SUNY ONEONTA RANKS SECOND IN EXTERNAL FUNDS AWARDED FOR 2006-07

Based on reports of the Research Foundation of SUNY (the fiscal administrator of externally awarded grant and contract funding), the College at Oneonta ranked second only to Buffalo State among SUNY university colleges in the amount of "Committed Funds" received in the past fiscal year, with a total of \$5.42 million. Committed funds represent monies awarded by external sponsors, which indicates award success, compared to another commonly used statistic, "Total Expenditures," which is a reflection of how the awarded funds are used by the grant/contract manager.

The GDO has made a strategic effort to raise more external funds through grants and contracts, but this could not be done without significant support from College administration and, of course, without top notch faculty and staff. Thank you to these partners!

Reminder ... COLLEGE AT ONEONTA POLICY STATES:

"All proposals submitted by faculty and staff to external funding agencies must be cleared through the Grants Development Office for application through the Research Foundation of SUNY. Awards for proposals that have been submitted to external sponsors without assistance from the Grants Development Office and without securing the appropriate administrative approvals may not be accepted by the College."

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If you have any questions, or would like to discuss your grant ideas further,
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