

## RECENT COLLEGE AT ONEONTA EXTERNAL GRANT AND CONTRACT AWARDS

- ❖ **ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM:** Literacy Volunteers of Otsego & Delaware Counties; Oneonta City School District (**Joanne Curran, Cathy Jeanette**)
- ❖ **BIOLOGY:** *Current and Projected Distribution of the Invasive Rusty Crayfish (Orconectes rusticus) in the Upper Susquehanna River Basin*, Mid-Atlantic Panel on Aquatic Invasive Species/U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (**Thomas Horvath**)
- ❖ **BIOLOGICAL FIELD STATION:** *Upper Susquehanna Wetland Invasive Aquatic Plant Eradication AND Susquehanna Unionid Survey*, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation; *Phase I Survey for Freshwater Mussel Species of Concern*, AK Environmental (**Willard Harman**)
- ❖ **CENTER FOR ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** Contracts to provide survey and other community development services for: At Home Care, Inc.; LEAF, Inc.; Milford Central School District; Town of Maryland (**Tim Hayes**)
- ❖ **CHEMISTRY & BIOCHEMISTRY:** *Integrating Green Photochemistry into the Undergraduate Chemistry Curriculum*, Camille and Henry Drefus Foundation, Inc. (**Jacqueline Bennett**)
- ❖ **EASTERN STREAM CENTER FOR RESOURCES & TRAINING (ESCORT):** Contracts to provide educational and support services to migrant farmworker families; professional development, technical assistance, comprehensive needs assessment, and training for: DeKalb County, AL, School District, Chandler AZ School District; Deming NM School District; Florida Department of Education; Georgia Department of Education; Mississippi Department of Education; Panhandle FL Area Educational Consortium; Pennsylvania Department of Education; SW Arkansas Migrant Education Cooperative; University of Vermont; Willamette (Oregon) Education Service District (**Steven Perry, Robert Levy**)
- ❖ **EDUCATION:** *Graduate Research in Education in Advanced Transportation Technology (GREATT)*, Penn State University subaward from National Science Foundation grant (**Leanne Avery**)
- ❖ **MIGRANT EDUCATION OUTREACH PROGRAM:** East Bloomfield Central School; Geneseo Migrant Program; Reading is Fundamental, Inc.; Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York (**Steven Perry, Robin Robbins**)
- ❖ **PHYSICS & ASTRONOMY:** *Investigating Intermediate Scale Structures in the Auroral Oval and the Ionospheric Trough*, National Science Foundation (**Hugh A. Gallagher, Jr.**)
- ❖ **STUDENT DEVELOPMENT and ATHLETICS:** *CHOICES at SUNY Oneonta*, National Collegiate Athletic Association, (**Dale Capristo, Colleen Cashman**)

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss your grant ideas further, please contact the **Grants Development Office**

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# Fund It!

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## 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; assisting with developing, writing and submitting proposals; and providing post-award support in conjunction with our Sponsored Programs Administration offices. 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 to discuss a current project or other ideas you may have (see back cover for contact information).

## CURRENT FUND RAISING EFFORT FOCUSES ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

The College has embarked on the first fund raising effort in its history to focus on a cluster of academic disciplines. Through *Visions↔Solutions, The Fund for Science and Technology*, the College will enhance academic quality and scholarship in the sciences, mathematics, computer science and statistics, including secondary education concentrations, by investing in new technologies and instructional methods, expanding funding for student and faculty research, providing professional development opportunities for faculty and students, increasing scholarships for students in these disciplines, and launching other academic initiatives. Since establishing The Fund in October 2007, over \$1 million has been raised in charitable gifts and grants. If you are interested in further information, please contact Paul Adamo (adamopj@oneonta.edu) or Barry Warren (warrenbp@oneonta.edu) of College Advancement.

## ONEONTA RANKS SECOND IN EXTERNAL FUNDS EXPENDITURES FOR 2007-08

The College at Oneonta ranked second only to Buffalo State among SUNY university colleges in sponsored programs total expenditures for the fiscal year 2007-2008 with a total of \$5.03 million, based on reports of the Research Foundation of SUNY (the fiscal administrator of externally awarded grant and contract funding). These expenditures are for a variety of projects and programs, including grants for faculty research and curriculum development, as well as millions of dollars in contracts for public service initiatives. See back cover for recent grants and contracts awarded to the College at Oneonta.

*Mark your calendars!*

**FACULTY RESEARCH SHOW:**  
Thursday, 12 February 2009 (Morris Conference Center)

**STUDENT RESEARCH DAY:**  
Tuesday, 21 April 2009 (Hunt College Union)

## 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/](http://www.oneonta.edu/advancement/grants/)).
- **Student Grant Program for Research and Creative Activity (Committee on Research):** Fall and spring rounds; announcement for the first round will be available in mid-fall. See [www.oneonta.edu/academics/frc/](http://www.oneonta.edu/academics/frc/) for previous guidelines.
- **Teaching, Learning and Technology Center awards (TLTC):** Grant programs for innovative uses of instructional technology. Updates to TLTC programs will be available on the TLTC website (Funding Opportunities link); or contact Jim Greenberg at [greenbjb@oneonta.edu](mailto:greenbjb@oneonta.edu).
- **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 2007-2008 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](http://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).

## ADMINISTRATION OF "SMALL" GRANTS

Over the past few years, an increasing number of departments and service areas have become successful in receiving grants and contracts for a variety of purposes. On occasion, the award amounts are relatively small and, as a result, there have been questions about the best administrative process for these smaller awards.

This issue was taken under review this past spring, with consideration given to several factors, including past practices, administrative costs, the 1977 Agreement between SUNY and the Research Foundation, and the nature of the expenses. After careful review, the following administrative policy was adopted and applies to all external monies as described in the following:

**"Effective immediately, unless there is a compelling reason that requires use of a State account (IFR) (such as a grant stipulation), all externally funded awards for research, training, program or curriculum development, regardless of value, will be administered through a Research Foundation account. Either the sponsor established indirect cost assessment or an administrative cost assessment established annually by the Vice President for Finance & Administration/RF Operations Manager, will apply to all revenue."**

## SPONSOR-IMPOSED LIMITS ON THE NUMBER OF PROPOSALS ACCEPTED FROM AN INDIVIDUAL INSTITUTION

Certain sponsored programs impose restrictions on the number of proposals that can be submitted by a given institution. A good example is the National Science Foundation's (NSF) Major Research Instrumentation program, which allows three submissions per cycle (one of which must be for instrument development). Another example is that applicants to the National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipends program must be nominated by their institutions prior to submitting their application, and colleges and universities may nominate only two faculty members. In situations when there are more interested applicants from our College than is allowed under sponsor regulations, it will be the responsibility of the Deans of applicable divisions (or single division if all potential applicants are from the same division) to determine which applications shall be submitted.

The following criteria will be considered in the Deans' decision:

- 1) New submission vs. resubmission: If the proposal is a resubmission, were the reviews favorable on the original submission and what are the chances of funding on a resubmission?
- 2) Level of collaboration: Is the proposal being submitted by an individual faculty member or are there other faculty or departments involved?
- 3) Matching fund requirements: What is the level of match required for the proposed budget, what are the stipulations on the match (i.e. cash vs. in-kind), and has the match commitment been secured?
- 4) Submissions to multiple programs or sponsors: Has the proposal been submitted, or is a submission planned, to more than one sponsor or program (e.g. to NSF and NASA, or to two different NSF programs)?
- 5) Ability of Principal Investigator (PI) to meet grant submission requirements: Does the PI have the time to work with GDO staff to prepare and submit a competitive proposal?
- 6) Ability of PI to meet grant award requirements: Does the PI have departmental and administrative support, and time, to meet post award research obligations and grant management obligations?
- 7) Involvement of students in the activity/program: Are undergraduates or graduate students actively participating in the project?
- 8) College Mission Statement and Comprehensive Plan: Does the proposed project fall within the College's mission and statements as described in the current Comprehensive Plan?

Be sure to carefully examine the guidelines of a program you are considering and contact the GDO early in the process, whether or not the sponsor has imposed a submission limit.

### **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."**