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Issues & Updates

*Serving the Shippensburg University community through good grantsman**ship***

Year-end 2012

A *New* SPIN on things
2 issues of "Deadlines" included with newsletter

When you are looking to find external funding for your research and/or project interests, you know that IPSSP offers a variety of online search engines that can help. (See the bottom of this newsletter for our monthly guide to these tools.)
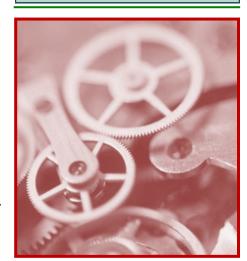
For those of you who use the SPIN search engine, take note: on December 20, InfoEd (SPIN's parent company) will be switching to its new format. This should *not* affect any investigator profiles or keywords you may have saved. It will mean, however, that your classic SPIN bookmarks (if you have any) will become inactive.

If you have any technical difficulties, call Chris Wonders at extension 3049 for assistance.
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Attached to this newsletter, you will find the November and December editions of *Deadlines. Deadlines* is a publication of the Grants Resource Center (GRC) at the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU). It includes program descriptions, priorities, complete contact information, and links for a number of funding opportunities sorted by discipline.

If you find a grant opportunity you

like, give IPSSP a call at 717-477-1251 to discuss next steps. IPSSP staff can help "fit the gears together" so your sponsored project runs smoothly.
Happy New Year!

Research Grants awarded; plans underway for 2013 CSRC
70 undergraduate projects funded; graduate proposals accepted through spring

On November 2, IPSSP and the Undergraduate Research Grant Advisory Committee awarded letters to 70 undergraduate research projects. Altogether, these projects represent a commitment of $60,000 in funds allocated to the program by President Ruud and the SU Foundation.

A total of 87 proposals were received in October. Using a newly de-

veloped scoring rubric (which can be found at the Undergraduate Research Grant Program webpage, bit.ly/V7cunC), the Advisory Committee selected this year's grant recipients on a competitive basis.

Grad students can also take advantage of research grants. GR grant proposals are accepted until funding runs out. More info at bit.ly/PI9WXv.

Plans are now underway for the April 23rd Celebration of Student Research Conference (CSRC). The conference is open to all of Ship's student researchers; those who have received grants are expected to present.

Look for more info in January when IPSSP will announce dates for student and faculty registration.

New year: new ideas?
How to tell a potential funder that your ideas are novel

Grantmakers want to know what is innovative about your project. Some agencies ask you to comment on your proposal innovativeness, and the reviewer guidelines require this feature to be assessed. How do you know an innovative proposal when you see one? Perhaps these key questions will lead you to the answer as you write your next proposal.

1.) Does the application challenge and seek to shift current research or practice paradigms by using novel theoretical concepts, approaches or methodologies, or instrumentation or inventions?

2.) Are the concepts, approaches or methodologies, instrumentation, or interventions novel to one field of research, training, or service delivery or is it novel in a broad sense?

3.) Is a refinement, improvement, or new application of theoretical concepts, approaches or methodologies, instrumentation or interventions proposed?

An innovation introduces something new, and new is the key word to include in your discussion about the innovative features of your proposal. You may be introducing a new idea, device, or method. You can propose

an innovative product, strategy, technology, approach, or connection. Synonyms (nouns and verbs) include the following: brainchild, creation, create, invent, design, vision, conception, conceive, original, introduce, innovate, initiate, pioneer, make, create, produce, novel, unique, and special. Conceptually, the main sense of "innovation" is to create something new. Be sure to sprinkle these words and related synonyms into your next proposal.

Grant databases available through IPSSP

To assist you in your search for funding, IPSSP maintains subscriptions with two powerful web-based grant research databases, InfoEd and the Grants Resource Center (GRC). The chart below highlights the various tools included with these subscriptions and explains how you can access the information you seek. If you have any

questions, please give IPSSP a call, 717-477-1251. Shippensburg University pays institutional dues for access to these services. In an effort to not subsidize free and unethical use by others, we ask that you do not share this access outside of the institution. *Thank yo*u!

Source	Database	Description	URL	Access instructions
InfoEd "SPIN Plus"	SPIN	Funding opportunities database of national and international government AND private funding sources.	https://spin.infoedglobal.com/Home/GridResults	Use the Quick Search or Advanced Search options to look for grant opportunities; you can also review new announcements from the Federal Register and FedBizOpps.
	GENIUS	Global network and database of investigator profiles of scientific and scholarly expertise.	http://www.infoed.org/GeniusSearch/genius.asp	Use Quick Search or Advanced Search with your research topic keywords OR names of researchers to build your network and identify possible collaborators.
	SMARTS	Automated custom search based on your own profile and keyword selection.	http://www.infoed.org/genius_live/create_new.asp	Create a username and password at the website. Once IPSSP authorizes your account, login and select keywords to match your funding interests. SMARTS will run a daily match and email you relevant funding announcements.
AASCU Grants Resource Center (GRC)	Deadlines	A monthly publication available online or in pdf presenting funding opportunities sorted in broad categories with due dates 1 to 3 months out.	http://www.aascu.org/grc/	Use "supa" as the username and "member" as the password to access the publication online; Deadlines is also transmitted via email monthly as an attachment to the IPSSP newsletter.
	GrantSearch	Funding opportunities database searchable by academic subject, activity, funding sponsor, deadline month, and text.	http://www.aascu.org/grc/gs/	Use "supa" as the username and "member" as the password to access GrantSearch. Choose your key criteria from the selection lists or type a keyword in the "select text" field.
	Targeted Funding Opportunities	A funding alert emailed directly to you from GRC based on your subject and function code criteria.	http://www.ship.edu/Public_Service/Funding_Opportunities/Customized_Funding_Opportunities/	Use the subject and function codes presented at the website to identify your interests. Email your codes to IPSSP@ship.edu. We will forward your request to GRC; you should receive your alert with the next month's cycle.

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