TOP NEWS

Hats off!
You’ve made it!

Now, what are you doing this summer?

If your summer plans include grant writing ...or grant planning ...or grant dreaming, give us a call. The Institute for Public Service and Sponsored Programs will be open during the summer months (9:00 AM to 4:00 PM), and we will be happy to help you maximize your summer potential. We can help you set up grant searches, develop grant proposal ideas, or put the finishing touches on your proposal. Phone: 717-477-1251.

OTHER NEWS

South Mountain Mini-Grants

Register for the May 23rd Workshop Webinar

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If you are like most grant writers I know, you have tons of undeleted emails in your inbox. By actual count, each of the last three proposals we have written have generated over 1000 emails sent or received. And you probably have a bunch of proposal drafts on your hard drive. In our experience, it is somewhere between the eighth and tenth draft that actually gets submitted. Now it is housekeeping time.

We find that we can delete nearly all of the emails. Most were crucial and timely at the moment but bear little communication significance now. We do keep emails from program officers, since the notes offer insights into what they consider significant. You can delete nearly all of your proposal drafts.

We keep two drafts. The first one is the one with all of the draft copy before the point where you start to cut down the proposal length to met pagination requirements. It usually contains some good information that while it hits the cutting room floor now may well be useful in future proposals. The second one is the electronic copy of the proposal actually submitted. This becomes the document of record.

By the time housekeeping is completed, you probably freed up 5-10Kb of space on your computer.


**TOOLS FOR GRANTSEEKERS**

**Online grant databases help you fund your goals and objectives**

Find funding for your research or project ideas using [Sponsored Program Information Network (SPIN)](http://www.infoed.org/Spin). These grant research engines are provided through IPSSP: if you have any questions, please give IPSSP a call at extension 1251.

Let SPIN do the work! Create your own profile in [SPIN Smarts/Genius](http://www.infoed.org/GeniusSearch/genius.asp). You will then be able to enter key interests, and, pretty soon, you will begin to receive regular emails.

You can also search for grant opportunities right-away using [SPINSearch](http://www.infoed.org/new_spin/spinmain.asp). Use key words to find funders related to your topic of interest. You can also check-out upcoming deadlines and improve your search using SPIN’s tips.

If SPIN doesn’t work for you, try [GrantSearch](http://www.aascu.org/gcrlogin) powered by the Grants Resource Center (GRC) of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU).
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First, select the “Create a New Profile” link, then select “Shippensburg University” from the list of participating schools. Last step: complete the New Profile Registration page. After you submit your info (including username and password), your profile will be sent to IPSSP to confirm. Once approved, you can go back to the entry page and select “Edit Existing Profile” to identify your topics of interest.

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NOTE: 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 you!