

SPONSORED RESEARCH

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What is the Office for Sponsored Research?

The Office for Sponsored Research (OSR) is the primary unit responsible for assisting faculty and members of the Siena community in the development and submission of grants to public and private funding agencies. To that end, in an effort to strengthen and augment scholarly, programmatic and research efforts across all academic disciplines, the OSR Director will work directly with faculty to identify appropriate funding opportunities, develop and shape conceptual thoughts, review and critique proposal drafts, and coordinate the entire proposal submission process.

OSR Services

In addition to technical assistance and guidance provided in the development of a grant, OSR is also responsible for a myriad of services to help educate the Siena community in developing a winning proposal.

During the Fall 2002, OSR will begin hosting several grant-writing workshops for faculty. The workshops will range in topics that include, but are not limited to:

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Funding Announcements

As of August 28, 2001

Message to Department Heads:

Please feel free to share these funding opportunities with faculty during your next Faculty Meeting. Beginning next month, OSR will begin a monthly column on "New Funding Opportunities" in addition to the announcements currently listed under the OSR website.

For a complete description of the funding opportunities listed including applications and guidelines, please visit <http://www.siena.edu/osr/funding/fundingopp.htm>

American Association of University Women Announces Publication Grants for 2002-03

Supports women college and university faculty and independent researchers to prepare research for publication. Applicants may be tenure track, part-time, temporary faculty, or independent scholars and researchers, either new or established.

American Council of Learned Societies Announces Fellowships & Grants for 2001-02

Various fellowships and grants in the humanities and the humanities-related social sciences.

Getty Research Institute Grants Competition

The J. Paul Getty Research Institute's 2001-02 Grant Program provides support to institutions and individuals for projects that promote understanding of art history and the conservation of cultural heritage.

NSF Research Experiences for Undergraduates

The Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) program supports active research participation by undergraduate students in any of the areas of research funded by the National Science Foundation.

Henry Luce Foundation Accepting Proposals for the Luce Professorship

The Henry Luce Foundation is soliciting applications for the Henry R. Luce Professorship Award. The program provides support for the integrative teaching of the humanities, social sciences, and science as it relates to society.

- ❖ Fundamentals on academic grant writing
- ❖ Common elements of a proposal
- ❖ Developing a feasible budget plan
- ❖ Developing a winning proposal for Signature Programs
- ❖ Ingredients of a successful evaluation plan
- ❖ Building collaborations within and across Siena campus to strengthen interdisciplinary learning

During the first week of September, OSR will be posting an official announcement of grant-related workshops being offered this semester. In the meantime, faculty that have specific questions or topics pertaining to grant development that is missing from the general topics listed above, please email inquiries to OSR.

Interested in OSR Services?

If a faculty member is planning a project and is seeking external financial support, please direct inquiries to:

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Please contact the OSR Director as early as possible to ensure proper submission of a proposal. **Any faculty planning to submit a proposal for funding is required to contact OSR at least ten (10) days prior to the submission deadline.**

Human Subjects Review

Siena College and Federal policies require the review of each research project involving studies on humans with respect to: 1) the rights and welfare of the individual(s); 2) the methods used to obtain informed consent; and 3) the risk and the potential benefits of the research.

Any Siena faculty member that plans on involving human subjects in a study must receive approval from the Institutional Review Board (IRB) prior to initiating any research activities.

Please consult with the OSR Director to determine the type of review and to answer any questions pertaining to human subjects protection.

Signature Programs

Any faculty member that plans on submitting an internal grant for the Signature Program this upcoming academic year is strongly encouraged to contact the OSR Director for direction and guidance on developing their proposal. One of the requirements of a Signature Program proposal is the inclusion of a resource development plan to leverage resources towards becoming a sustainable program with minimal support from Siena College. OSR can assist faculty with identifying appropriate funding sources to integrate within their sustainability plan and outline what course of action will be taken to ensure that external funds are solicited and procured.

For further assistance, please contact OSR.

Upcoming Grant Deadlines

September

9/15 NSF Research Experiences for Undergraduates
9/30 NSF Research in Undergraduate Institutions

October

10/1 NSF Biological Equipment & Instrumentation
10/15 Entrepreneurship Awareness & Education
10/18 EPA Grants to Assess Aquatic Ecosystems
10/31 NSF Mentoring in Environmental Biology