

*OSR Grants Update* is an internal newsletter produced by the Office for Sponsored Research. This quarterly newsletter was created to keep faculty and staff informed of funding opportunities in their respective disciplines and departments as well as updating the Siena community on current grant activities on campus.

For additional information and resources, please visit the OSR website at [www.siena.edu/osr](http://www.siena.edu/osr).

### Siena to Strengthen International Studies Via Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Program

The Political Science Department at Siena College has been approved by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) to host a Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence for the 2002-03 academic year. Siena professors Jean Stern, Ph.D., Len Cutler, Ph.D., and Kate Forhan, Ph.D., were instrumental in developing a successful proposal for funding.

The department will host a Fulbright Scholar from the Middle Eastern region to work with faculty and students on ethical, legal, cultural and political issues pertaining to a variety of cultural perspectives in the Middle East. The Fulbright Scholar will teach one course per semester, and will work jointly with faculty, local colleges and universities, and community organizations.

The Worldwide Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Program brings visiting scholars and professionals from abroad to lecture at U.S. colleges and universities for one semester or one academic year. The program is especially appropriate for small liberal arts colleges, minority-serving institutions, and community colleges, many of which do not often have the opportunity to host visiting scholars.

This is the first time that Siena College has applied and been approved to host the competitive Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence program.

For more information on other Fulbright opportunities for interested faculty, please visit <http://www.cies.org/>.

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### Fulbright Update

**Duane Matcha**, Associate Professor of Sociology, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES), United States Department of State to teach a course on Comparative Health Care Systems and examine health care systems within the U.S., Canada, Great Britain, other European countries, and Japan. Dr. Matcha will teach in Poland for Spring 2003 semester.

**Dr. Jerry Dollar**, Professor of English, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant by CIES. He will teach American literature at the University of Leon in Spain. This is Dr. Dollar's second Fulbright award. Please join me in congratulating both of these individuals.

## Funding Opportunities

### Council for International Exchange of Scholars U.S. Fulbright Scholar Program

The Fulbright Scholar Program offers lecturing, research, and consulting awards in 140 countries to U.S. college and university faculty.

**Deadline:** August 1, 2002

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### American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Merck/AAAS Undergraduate Science Research Award Program

USRP provides funding to enhance undergraduate science education in the areas of biology and chemistry and programs that foster understanding of the interrelationship of these sciences.

Interested faculty should contact OSR for guidelines and application.

**Deadline:** November 8, 2002

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### National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowships and Summer Stipends

Fellowships and Summer Stipends are opportunities for faculty to pursue advanced work in the humanities that contributes to scholarly knowledge or to the general public's understanding of the humanities.

**Deadline:** October 1, 2002

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### W. M. Keck Foundation Science, Engineering, and Liberal Arts Program

The W. M. Keck Foundation seeks to enrich research and teaching through support for equipment, facilities, fellowships, and basic research projects at the frontiers of science and engineering. Awards are also made to support exceptional undergraduate projects in all of the liberal arts. Past grants have focused on faculty-student research, and incorporating new instructional technologies into the liberal arts curriculum. The focus of the undergraduate program is primarily on private, predominately undergraduate institutions.

**Deadline:** None specified

## Funding News

### National Science Foundation Budget Passed

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After months of negotiations, congressional appropriators completed the FY02 funding package for the National Science Foundation. The final bill provides NSF with \$4.789 billion, an 8.4% increase over last year's budget. Most of NSF's directorates are slated to receive an 8% increase – in contrast to the flat or declining funding proposed by the Bush administration. The majority of research and development discretionary spending packages proposed by the administration was scheduled to go to the National Institutes of Health. While NIH still stands to receive significant gains, legislators were concerned about the lack of attention given to NSF and opposed the flat spending bill. NSF's Directorate for Education and Human Resources would receive an 11.4% increase over FY2001, with \$160 million in new funds being allocated for a new Math and Science Partnership program, part of the administration's "leave no child behind" philosophy. The partnerships initiative will provide funds for states and local school districts to join with institutions of higher education, particularly with their departments of mathematics, science, and engineering, in strengthening math and science education. It is designed to mobilize the mathematicians, scientists and engineers of higher education to be part of the solution to some of the ongoing problems in primary and secondary education by helping to raise math and science standards, providing math and science training for teachers, and creating innovative ways to reach underserved schools and students.

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### OSR Reception to Honor Faculty and Staff

The Office for Sponsored Research sponsored a "Wine and Cheese" reception on May 7, 2002 to honor Siena faculty, staff, and administrators who have made a scholarly and educational investment through sponsored programs this past academic year. Since the establishment of OSR, there have been 18 individuals and 17 proposals submitted for funding from across all the Schools and disciplines.

Proposals submitted this past year have been recognized for being innovative, cutting-edge, and supportive of undergraduate research opportunities.

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## Awards and Submissions

Please join the Office for Sponsored Research as we extend congratulations and best wishes to the following individuals who have recently received awards and submitted proposals for funding.

### *School of Liberal Arts*

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**Dr. Jennifer McErlean**

Women & Multicultural Studies Committee  
*Distinguished Multicultural Lecturer*  
*Program for Scholars of Color*  
NYS African American Research Foundation, SUNY

**Dr. Duane A. Matcha**

*2002-03 Traditional Fulbright Scholar*  
Council for International Exchange of Scholars  
Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs

**Br. Gary Maciag, Mr. Michael Blau  
& Creative Arts Department**

*International Playwrights Competition Program*  
The Miles Hodsdon Vernon Foundation

**Dr. Jean Stern, Dr. Len Cutler,  
& Dr. Kate Forhan**

*2002-03 Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Program*  
Council for International Exchange of Scholars  
Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs

**Dr. Thomas B. Swan**

*Educating Science Faculty in Pedagogical Assessment*  
Division of Undergraduate Education  
National Science Foundation

**Dr. Len Cutler**

*Legal Fellows Academic Excellence Program*  
Arthur Vining Davis Foundation

**Dr. Matthew Lindstrom**

*Suburban Sprawl: Culture, Ecology, & Politics*  
Furthermore, J.M. Kaplan Fund

### *Diversity*

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**Dr. Maria Ramirez & Mr. Alfredo Medina, Jr., M.S.**

*Bright Pathways Scholars Program*  
Charitable Venture Foundation

### *Library*

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**Mr. Gary Thompson, M.L.A.**

*General Preservation Survey for the Standish Library*  
Division of Library Development  
New York State Education Department

### *School of Science*

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**Dr. Rachel Sterne-Marr**

*RUI: Regulation of Beta-Adrenergic Receptor Kinase*  
Division of Molecular & Cellular Biology  
National Science Foundation

**Dr. Rachel Sterne-Marr**

*Structural Studies of G Protein Receptor Kinase 2*  
National Institutes of Health

**Dr. Douglas F. Fraser**

*Collaborative RUI: Prey Movement in  
Hazardous Environments Studies in a  
Tropical Stream Fish Community*  
Division of Environmental Biology  
National Science Foundation

**Dr. John H. Hayden**

*Introduction of Digital Microscopy into the  
Cellular Biology Curriculum*  
Division of Undergraduate Education  
National Science Foundation

**Dr. Jennifer Z. Gillies**

*Collaborative Studies on the Identification, Structure,  
Natural Occurrence & Chemistry of Low Molecular  
Weight Organoselenium Compounds*  
Division of Chemistry  
National Science Foundation

**Dr. James D. Angstadt**

*RUI: Ionic Conductances Underlying Serotonergic  
Modulation of Rhythmic Motor Behavior*  
Division of Integrative Biology & Neuroscience  
National Science Foundation

### *Awards & Fellowships*

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**Mr. Alfredo Medina, Jr., M.S.**

*Recipient, Catherine Core Minority Travel Award*  
National Council of University Research  
Administrators (NCURA)

**Mr. Mark E. Danziger, Ed.M.**

*Fellowship to National Data Policy Institute*  
Association for Institutional Research (AIR)