



Friday @ the Center: March 16, 2007

Thinking about Grants? Think Laura

If you are thinking about writing a grant application to support your scholarly work, curricular developments, or departmental needs, keep in mind that we now have a full-time academic grant writer on staff: Laura Lundahl. The earlier in the process that you consult with Laura, the more smoothly the writing process can proceed and the greater assistance she can provide. Laura is available to meet by appointment with individual faculty or departments. In addition, she is available for drop-in consultations or conversations on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 1 until 4, in the Samuel Emmanuel Special Collections room, 2nd floor of the library. To arrange for an appointment, contact Laura at Lundahl@spu.edu.

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The March edition of *The Grant Advisor* is now available and can be accessed through on-campus computers at <http://grantadvisor.com/tgaplus/>. It contains 20-25 full program reviews and over 300 listings of grant and fellowship programs. Why not browse through it to see if it generates any ideas that you might discuss with Laura?

Thinking about Grants? Think Fulbright

The Fulbright organization offers two wonderful opportunities for faculty: the traditional Fulbright Scholars Program and the Fulbright Senior Specialists Program. In the traditional program, faculty spend six months to a year abroad lecturing and conducting research. Recent SPU awardees include Professor Kathleen Braden, who spent a year in Russia. The 2008-09 award opportunities by country and discipline were recently announced; the application deadline is August 1, 2007. See http://www.cies.org/us_scholars/us_awards/ for complete information.

The Fulbright Senior Specialist Program provides short-term academic opportunities (two to six weeks) for faculty. Shorter grant lengths give specialists greater flexibility to pursue a grant that works best with their current academic or professional commitments. Through an open application process, the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) builds a roster of specialists in a variety of disciplines. Fulbright Commissions and U.S. Embassies then access the Fulbright Senior Specialists Roster to locate someone who meets their needs. Fulbright Senior Specialist projects are designed to provide U.S. faculty with opportunities to collaborate with professional counterparts at non-U.S. post-secondary academic institutions on curriculum and faculty development, institutional planning and a variety of other activities. For example, grantees may:

- Conduct needs assessments, surveys, institutional or programmatic research at non-U.S. post-secondary academic institutions

- Take part in specialized academic programs and conferences in conjunction with other scheduled activities
- Consult with administrators and instructors of non-U.S. post-secondary institutions on faculty development
- Present lectures at graduate and undergraduate levels
- Participate in or lead seminars or workshops at non-U.S. post-secondary academic institutions
- Develop and/or assess academic curricula or educational materials at non-U.S. post-secondary academic institutions
- Conduct teacher-training programs at the tertiary level

This program does not support personal research. Professor Frank Kline, from the School of Education, is currently serving as a senior specialist at the John Wesley Theological College in Budapest, Hungary. Applications for the Fulbright Senior Specialists Program are accepted on a rolling basis, and peer review of applications is conducted eight times per year. See <http://www.cies.org/specialists/> for complete information.

No *F @ the Center* next week. Have a great spring break, everyone!

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