

## Grant Opportunities November & December, 2016

In an effort to better inform faculty and staff about grant opportunities, this report will be updated monthly providing a high-level glimpse at funding possibilities for which projects could be developed that are consistent with BCTC's strategic plan and annual priorities.

### Federal Grants

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**Title:** [ADVANCE – Increasing the Participation and Advancement of Women in Academic Science and Engineering Careers \(Partnership Track Only\)](#)

**Sponsor:** National Science Foundation

**Due Date:** Letter of Intent Due December 14, 2016; Full Proposal Due January 11, 2017

**Maximum Funding Amount and Duration:** Up to \$1M over 3-5 years.

**Special Notes:** The solicitation specifically mentions an interest in supporting community colleges.

**Description:** The ADVANCE (Increasing the Participation and Advancement of Women in Academic Science and Engineering Careers) program seeks to (1) develop systemic approaches to increase the representation and advancement of women in academic STEM careers; (2) develop innovative and sustainable ways to promote gender equity that involve both men and women in the STEM academic workforce; and (3) contribute to the research knowledge-base on gender equity and the intersection of gender and other identities in STEM academic careers. Specific information about the Partnership Track follows.

- Supports partnerships of two or more academic institutions and/or STEM organizations to increase gender equity in STEM academics.
  - Projects should have a national or regional impact and should result in systemic change within one STEM discipline, several STEM disciplines, or all STEM disciplines.
  - Partners may include professional societies, industry, non-profits, publishers, policy and research entities, state systems of higher education, higher education organizations, and/or institutions of higher education.
  - Prior ADVANCE support is NOT required.
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**Title:** [Digital Humanities Advancement Grants](#)

**Sponsor:** National Endowment for the Humanities

**Due Date:** January 11, 2017 (drafts may be submitted 4-6 weeks before this deadline)

**Maximum Funding Amount and Duration:** \$5K to \$325K over 18 months to 3 years depending on desired funding level.

**Description:** The Digital Humanities Advancement Grants program supports digital projects to enhance research, teaching, and public programming in the humanities. Three funding levels are offered depending on the phase of the project (exploratory, proof of concept, implementation). Allowable grant activities include:

- Creating or enhancing experimental, computationally-based methods or techniques that contribute to the humanities.
- Pursuing scholarship that examines the history, criticism, and philosophy of digital culture and its impact on society, or explores the philosophical or practical implications and impact of digital humanities in specific fields or disciplines.
- Revitalizing and/or recovering existing digital projects that promise to contribute substantively to scholarship, teaching, or public knowledge of the humanities.

Grant funds cannot be used for:

- Projects that mainly involve digitization, unless the applicant is proposing an innovative method for digitization.
- The creation or conversion of a scholarly journal (although the implementation of new modes of scholarly publication is permitted).
- Recurring maintenance costs that would support only the day-to-day operations of existing projects rather than substantive changes or upgrades.
- Recurring or established conferences or professional meetings.
- Acquisition of computer equipment or software in excess of 20 percent of the grant total.
- Work in the creative or performing arts.
- Work undertaken in the pursuit of an academic degree.
- Projects that seek to promote a particular political, religious, or ideological point of view.
- Projects that advocate a particular program of social action.

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**Title:** [Humanities Initiatives at Community Colleges](#)

**Sponsor:** National Endowment for the Humanities

**Due Date:** Preliminary Sketches (optional) Due November 1, 2016; Full Proposals Due January 12, 2017

**Maximum Funding Amount and Duration:** Up to \$100K over 1-3 years.

**Special Notes:** Applicants are encouraged to work with outside scholars. The term “Humanities” includes, but is not limited to, the study of languages, linguistics, literature, history, jurisprudence, philosophy, archaeology, comparative religion, ethics, history/theory of the arts, aspects of the social sciences, and the application of humanities to the human environment.

**Description:** The Humanities Initiatives at Community Colleges program supports curricular and faculty development projects that help strengthen humanities programs and/or incorporate humanistic approaches in fields outside the humanities. Projects must be organized around a core topic or set of themes and must incorporate a broader institutional vision for the humanities at a community college. Projects may:

- Develop bridge programs for at-risk and nontraditional students;
- Integrate substantial humanities content or texts in required or developmental courses that focus on close reading, analytical writing, and/or effective speaking;
- Support new humanities programs (which may include but are not limited to new humanities minors, first-year seminars, and capstone courses) and enhance existing ones;
- Infuse humanistic learning into professional training (in such fields as business, law, engineering, technology, hospitality, and nursing and medicine);
- Create or improve curricular pathways towards graduation and/or transfer to 4-year institutions;
- Create opportunities for faculty members to study together in order to improve their capacity to teach the humanities; and/or
- Support collaborative projects in the humanities between the applicant institution and another institution, such as a college or university, a school or school system, a museum or library, or a historical or cultural society.

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**Title:** [Cyberlearning and Future Learning Technologies](#)

**Sponsor:** National Science Foundation

**Due Date:** February 10, 2017

**Maximum Funding Amount and Duration:** Up to \$550K over 2-3 years.

**Description:** The Cyberlearning and Future Learning Technologies program has two goals: (1) to invent/explore and learn to use new technologies to address educational goals and (2) to advance understanding of how to foster learning with new/emerging technology-enabled learning tools and

experiences. Proposed projects should advance technologies that specifically focus on learner experiences instead of simply focusing on making teaching easier. Additional guidelines follow:

- Proposals must address all three of the following: technology innovation, learning innovation, and advancing understanding of learning in technology-rich learning environments.
  - Proposals do not have to address any particular content or skills, though content areas supported by NSF are encouraged.
  - Learners may be of any age.
  - Targeted learning environments may be formal or informal, traditional or non-traditional, collaborative or individual, or may combine or bridge several different types of learning venues.
  - Proposed projects should produce a "minimally viable product" that will allow principal investigators to understand how to use the new innovation, answer research questions, and extract guidelines on scalability and transferability.
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### **Non-Federal Grants**

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**Title:** [Sigma Delta Epsilon \(SDE\)/Graduate Women in Science \(GWIS\) Fellowships Program](#)

**Sponsor:** SDE/GWIS National Fellowships Program

**Due Date:** January 12, 2017

**Maximum Funding Amount and Duration:** Up to \$10,000 over 1 year.

**Special Notes:** An application processing fee of \$50 is required for non-GWIS members. This grant must be applied for by individuals, not the college (Director of Grants can provide support). Click on the link above for additional eligibility requirements.

**Description:** The SDG/GWIS program offers fellowships to help increase knowledge in the fundamental sciences and to encourage research careers in the sciences by women. SDE/GWIS Fellowships are intended to provide supplemental funding to women scientists conducting research in the natural sciences. Fields of social science that use the scientific method are eligible to apply. Funds, provided they are justified in the proposal and integral to the research design, may be used for:

- Expendable supplies
- Small equipment to be used by the recipient (not for general use)
- Publication of research findings
- Travel and subsistence while performing field studies
- Travel to another laboratory for collaborative research

Funds cannot be used for:

- Salaries
  - Tuition
  - Child care
  - Travel to professional meetings or to begin a new appointment
  - Travel to another institution for coursework
  - Living allowances
  - Equipment for general use
  - Indirect costs
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**Title:** [Early Childhood Grants \(Early Childhood Welfare, Early Childhood Education, Parenting Education\)\\*](#)

**Sponsor:** Caplan Foundation for Early Childhood

**Due Date:** Letter of Inquiry Due January 31, 2017

**Maximum Funding Amount and Duration:** Award amount is unspecified, but the vast majority of awards are \$5K or less.

**Special Notes:** Grants typically range from \$50 to \$30K.

**Description:** The foundation provides grants for innovative, creative projects and programs that will significantly enhance the development, health, safety, education, or quality of life of children from infancy through five years of age. The foundation provides funding in Early Childhood Welfare, Early Childhood Education and Play, and Parenting Education. Each grant is made with the expectation that a successful project outcome will be of significant interest to other investigators or developers, within the grantee's field of endeavor, and will be amenable to beneficial application or adaptation elsewhere. In essence, the foundation's goal is to provide seed money for those imaginative endeavors, addressed to the needs of young children, which appear most likely to bear fruit on a national scale. The foundation will not fund:

- The operation or expansion of existing programs
- The purchase or renovation of capital equipment, existing software or programmatic materials
- Single events
- The creation or acquisition of works of art or literary works
- Organizations that discriminate based on race, color, creed, national origin or sexual orientation
- Individuals or for-profit entities
- Political organizations
- Programs with any religious content
- Organizations headquartered outside the United States

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**Title:** [Adult Literacy Grants Program](#)

**Sponsor:** Dollar General Literacy Foundation

**Due Date:** February 25, 2017 (applications available January 2017)

**Maximum Funding Amount and Duration:** Up to \$15,000; duration not specified.

**Special Notes:** The foundation made 17 awards in Kentucky in 2016.

**Description:** Adult Literacy Grants award funds to organizations that provide direct services to adults in need of literacy assistance. Organizations must provide help in one of the following instructional areas: Adult Basic Education, GED or high school equivalency preparation, or English language acquisition.

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**Title:** [Education, Social Service, Health Care, Civic and Cultural, and Environmental Grants](#)

**Sponsor:** Dr. Scholl Foundation

**Due Date:** March 1, 2017 (Applications may be submitted any time between October 1 and March 1)

**Maximum Funding Amount and Duration:** \$25K over one year.

**Special Notes:** Grant awards range between \$5K and \$25K.

**Description:** The foundation considers applications for grants in the following areas: Education, Social Service, Health Care, Civic and Cultural, and Environmental. However, other worthwhile projects may be considered. The categories above are broad to give flexibility in providing grants. Examples of grants awarded for education in the past include: education programs to fight poverty, scholarship programs, early childhood education and care programs, and equipment for an environmental sciences program.

The foundation does not consider the following for funding:

- Organizations that do not have a valid IRS 501(c)(3) determination letter
- Political organizations, political action committees, or individual campaigns whose primary purpose is to influence legislation
- Foundations that are themselves grantmaking bodies
- Grants for loans, operating deficit reductions, the liquidation of a debt or general support
- Grants to individuals
- Grants are rarely made to endowments or capital campaigns
- Event sponsorships including the purchase of tables, tickets or advertisements

- More than one request from the same organization in the same year
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\*Funding possibilities on this topic were requested by faculty/staff.

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