

# **Grants Opportunities: Education (11)**

## **March-May 2014**

### **Office of Innovation and Improvement (OII): Credit Enhancement for Charter School Facilities Program**

**Granting Agency:** Department of Education

**Current Closing Date for Applications:** 03/03/2014

**Eligibility:** Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification); Independent school districts; Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

**CFDA Number:** 84.354

**Funding Opportunity Number:** ED-GRANTS-011514-001

**Paragraph-long description:**

This program provides grants to eligible entities to permit them to enhance the credit of charter schools so that they can access private-sector and other non-Federal capital in order to acquire, construct, and renovate facilities at a reasonable cost. Grant projects awarded under this program will be of sufficient size, scope, and quality to enable the grantees to implement effective strategies for reaching that objective.

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### **Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program**

**Granting Agency:** National Science Foundation

**Current Closing Date for Applications:** 03/05/2014

**Eligibility:** Universities and two- or four-year colleges (including community colleges and tribal colleges) accredited in, and having a campus located in the United States, or consortia of such institutions, or U.S. nonprofit entities that have established consortia among such institutions of higher education. The PI, or at least one Co-PI, must be a STEM faculty member in a mathematics, science, engineering or computer science department.

**Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$52,670,000

**CFDA Number:** 47.076

**Funding Opportunity Number:** 14-508

The Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program seeks to encourage talented science, technology, engineering, and mathematics majors and professionals to become K-12 mathematics and science teachers. The Noyce Scholarship Track provides funds to institutions of higher education to support scholarships, stipends, and academic programs for undergraduate STEM majors and post-baccalaureate students holding STEM degrees who earn a teaching credential and commit to teaching in high-need K-12 school districts. The NSF Teaching Fellowship/Master Teaching Fellowship Track provides funding to support STEM professionals who enroll as NSF Teaching Fellows in master's degree programs leading to teacher certification by providing academic courses, professional development, and salary supplements while they are fulfilling a four-year teaching commitment in a high-need school district. **For more information, go to:** [http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf14508](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf14508)

## **Secondary Education, Two-Year Postsecondary Education, and Agriculture in the K-12 Classroom Challenge Grants Program**

**Granting Agency:** National Institute of Food and Agriculture

**Current Closing Date for Applications:** 04/03/2014

**Eligibility:** Public, Private, and State controlled institutions of higher education, institutions of higher education; Public secondary schools; Public or private nonprofit junior and community colleges; Nonprofit organizations

**Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$900,000

**CFDA Number:** 10.226

**Funding Opportunity Number:** USDA-NIFA-SAECP-004424

The Secondary Education, Two-Year Postsecondary Education, and Agriculture in the K-12 Classroom Challenge Grants (SPECA) program seeks to: (a) promote and strengthen secondary education and two-year postsecondary education in agriscience and agribusiness in order to help ensure the existence in the United States of a qualified workforce to serve the food and agricultural sciences system; and (b) promote complementary and synergistic linkages among secondary, two-year postsecondary, and higher education programs in the food and agricultural sciences in order to advance excellence in education and encourage more young Americans to pursue and complete a baccalaureate or higher degree in the food and agricultural sciences. **For more information, go to:** [http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/sec\\_challenge.html](http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/sec_challenge.html)

# Higher Education Challenge Grants Program

**Granting Agency:** National Institute of Food and Agriculture

**Current Closing Date for Applications:** 04/10/2014

**Eligibility:** (a) U.S. public or private nonprofit colleges and universities offering a baccalaureate or first professional degree in at least one discipline or area of the food and agricultural sciences; (b) land-grant colleges and universities, (including land grant institutions in the Insular Areas); (c) colleges and universities having significant minority enrollments and a demonstrable capacity to carry out the teaching of food and agricultural sciences; and (d) other colleges and universities having a demonstrable capacity to carry out the teaching of food and agricultural sciences.

**Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$4,770,000

**CFDA Number:** 10.217

**Funding Opportunity Number:** USDA-NIFA-CGP-004425

Projects supported by the Higher Education Challenge Grants Program will: (1) address a State, regional, national, or international educational need; (2) involve a creative or non-traditional approach toward addressing that need that can serve as a model to others; (3) encourage and facilitate better working relationships in the university science and education community, as well as between universities and the private sector, to enhance program quality and supplement available resources; and (4) result in benefits that will likely transcend the project duration and USDA support. **For more information, go to:**

[http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/higher\\_education\\_challenge.html](http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/higher_education_challenge.html)

## FY 2014 American Schools and Hospitals

### Abroad (ASHA) Program

**Granting Agency:** Agency for International Development

**Current Closing Date for Applications:** 5/5/2014

**Expected Number of Awards:** 2

**Eligibility:** Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS; Public and State controlled institutions of higher education; Private institutions of higher education

**Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$20,000

**CFDA Number:** 98.006

**Funding Opportunity Number:** APS-ASHA-14-000001

The United States Government, as represented by the Office of American Schools and Hospitals Abroad of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID/ASHA), is now accepting applications to support or stimulate activities in accordance with the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, assisting schools and medical centers outside the United States that serve as study and demonstration centers for ideas and practices of the United States. **For more information go to:** <http://www.usaid.gov/work-usaid/business-funding/grant-programs/american-schools-and-hospitals-abroad>

## Saudi American Educational and Cultural Initiative Grant

**Granting Agency:** U.S. Mission to Saudi Arabia

**Current Closing Date for Applications:** Applications accepted on a rolling basis.

**Expected Number of Awards:** 10

**Eligibility:** Unrestricted

**Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$250,000

**CFDA Number:** 19.021

**Funding Opportunity Number:** S-SAECI-13-GR-050-NEA-061813

The Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is now accepting proposals for a new grant called the Saudi-American Educational and Cultural Initiative Grants (SAECIG) and is for Saudi and U.S. non-governmental and community organizations, universities, entrepreneurs, cultural organizations or qualified individuals who propose to work together to develop or expand educational, professional and cultural exchange activities and promote dialogue and partnership between the people of the United States and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The new grant will support innovative forms of collaboration to expand the diversity of activities in the U.S.-Saudi partnership and develop the next generation of leaders, especially among youth, young professionals and women, and to promote mutual understanding and respect through long-term partnership and cooperation between our two countries. **For more information, go to:** <http://riyadh.usembassy.gov/education-and-culture/grants.html>

## Research Techs

**Granting Agency:** National Park Service

**Current Closing Date for Applications:** Agreement awarded to SCA.

**Expected Number of Awards:** 1

**Eligibility:** Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

**Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$125,994

**CFDA Number:** 15.931

**Funding Opportunity Number:** P11AT80752

The objective of this Task Agreement is to support and stimulate work and/or education and training opportunities for young adults through collaborative participation in natural resource research and inventory and monitoring for the parks of the Mojave Desert Network.

## Office of Elementary & Secondary Education; Overview Information: Teacher Incentive Fund Program- Recovery Act (ARRA) CFDA 84.385

**Granting Agency:** Department of Education

**Current Closing Date for Applications:** The Deadline for Transmittal of Applications has not been determined.

**Expected Number of Awards:** 15

**Eligibility:** Local Educational Agencies (LEAs), including charter schools that are LEAs in their state, SEAs, or partnerships of (1) an LEA, an SEA, or both, and (2) at least one nonprofit organization may apply. Agencies with differentiated compensation systems already in place may apply for a TIF program grant to expand their programs so that they reach additional high-need school sites or to include teachers or administrators in high-need schools who are not participating in the current system. For purposes of the TIF program, a high-need school means a school with more than 30 percent of its enrollment from low-income families, based on eligibility for free or reduced-price lunch subsidies, or other poverty measures that the State permits the LEAs to use. For middle and high schools, eligibility may be calculated on the basis of comparable data from feeder schools

**Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$200,000,000

**Funding Opportunity Number:** ED-GRANTS-030909-005

These supplemental funds, appropriated under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), are intended to help stimulate the American economy. The purpose of the Teacher Incentive Fund is to support programs that develop and implement performance-based teacher and principal compensation systems, based primarily on increases in student achievement, in high-need schools.

## **NIST Summer Institute for Middle School Science Teachers**

**Granting Agency:** National Institute of Standards and Technology

**Current Closing Date for Applications:** Electronic applications must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time, Wednesday, March 12, 2014. Paper applications must be received by NIST by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Wednesday, March 12, 2014.

**Eligibility:** Public school districts and accredited private educational institutions in the U.S. and its territories that offer science classes at grade levels 6-8 (often termed middle school). Such school districts and institutions must offer instruction in general science fields, such as earth science, physical science, chemistry, physics, and/or biology. Individual public school teachers and individual public middle schools are not eligible to submit applications directly to NIST and instead must be nominated by their school district. Individual teachers at private educational institutions are not eligible to submit applications directly to NIST and instead must be nominated by their private educational institution. The individual teachers that are nominated to participate in the NIST Summer Institute Program must meet the eligibility requirements in Section III.1. of the Full Announcement/FFO document.

**CFDA Number:** 11.609 -- Measurement

**Funding Opportunity Number:** 2014-NIST-SUMMER-INSTITUTE-01

NIST is soliciting applications from eligible public school districts and accredited private educational institutions in the U.S. and its territories nominating middle school science teachers to participate in the NIST Summer Institute Program. The NIST Summer Institute Program will provide selected teachers hands-on activities, lectures, tours, and visits with NIST scientists and engineers at the NIST Campus in Gaithersburg, Maryland. The NIST Summer Institute Program will be held at the NIST Campus in Gaithersburg, Maryland on July 7-18, 2014. **For more**

**information, go to:** <http://www.nist.gov/iaao/teachlearn/upload/2014-NIST-Summer-InstituteFINAL.pdf>

# Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) Program

**Granting Agency:** National Institute of Standards and Technology

**Current Closing Date for Applications:** SURF Boulder and SURF Gaithersburg receive and process applications separately. Electronic applications for both campuses must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time, Friday, February 14, 2014. Paper applications must be received by mail (see Section IV.6.a.(1) of the Full Announcement/FFO document) by 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time, Friday, February 14, 2014 for SURF Boulder, and by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Friday, February 14, 2014 for SURF Gaithersburg.

**Eligibility:** Colleges and universities in the U.S. and its territories with degree-granting programs in biology, chemistry, computer science, engineering, materials science, mathematics, nanoscale science, neutron research, and/or physics. Due to the size of SURF Boulder, applicants that apply to SURF Boulder are limited to nominating no more than eight (8) undergraduate students for participation; however, at this time, applicants are not limited in the number of students that they may nominate for SURF Gaithersburg. Each undergraduate student nominated to participate in the SURF Program from the applicant college or university must meet the requirements in Section III.1. of the Full Announcement/FFO document.

**CFDA Number:** 11.609

**Funding Opportunity Number:** 2014-NIST-SURF-01

NIST is soliciting applications from eligible colleges and universities in the U.S. and its territories, nominating undergraduate students to participate in the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) Program (SURF Program). The SURF Program will provide research opportunities for undergraduate students to work with internationally known NIST scientists, to expose them to cutting-edge research, and to promote the pursuit of graduate degrees in science and engineering. **For more information, go to:**

<http://www.nist.gov/surfboulder/upload/20141205-2014-NIST-SURF-Gaithersburg-SURF-Boulder-FFO.pdf>