

**New Funding Opportunities  
September 20, 2012**

Aloha,

Here are some current funding opportunities that might be of interest to you. Please pass this information on to anyone else who could use it. If the deadline is too short for this year, it is still a good indication of the likely due date for next year. **Let me know if I can be of any assistance with developing and submitting a grant application.**

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For information on submitting grants electronically on grants.gov the following publication may be useful:

**USDA, NIFA Grants.gov Application Guide – A guide for the preparation and submission of NIFA applications via grants.gov:**

<http://apply07.grants.gov/apply/opportunities/instructions/oppUSDA-NIFA-CGP-002644-cfda10.217-instructions.pdf%20target>

**NIFA Help Desk - Phone: 202-401-5048** (M-F 7:00 am -5:00 pm ET)

**UH Office of Research Services (ORS) Grants.gov Cover Page Information:**

[http://www.ors.hawaii.edu/library/documents/SF424\\_Instructions.pdf](http://www.ors.hawaii.edu/library/documents/SF424_Instructions.pdf)

**UH ORS Institutional Profile Information:**

<http://www.ors.hawaii.edu/institutional-profile.asp>

**UH ORS Help Desk – Phone: 956-5198** (M-F 7:45-4:30 pm HST)

**\$ - NSF - [EPSCoR Research Infrastructure Improvement Program Track-1: \(RII Track-1\)](#) (NSF 12-563)**

**Full Proposal Deadline Date: October 3, 2012**

The Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) is designed to fulfill the mandate of the National Science Foundation (NSF) to promote scientific progress nationwide. The EPSCoR program is directed at those jurisdictions that have historically received lesser amounts of NSF Research and Development (R&D) funding. Thirty one jurisdictions, including twenty-eight states, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam and the U. S. Virgin Islands are currently [eligible](#) to participate. Through this program, NSF establishes partnerships with government, higher education and industry that are designed to effect sustainable improvements in a state's or region's research infrastructure, R&D capacity, and hence, its national R&D competitiveness. Research Infrastructure Improvement Program Track-1: (RII Track-1) awards provide up to \$4 million per year for up to 5 years to support physical, human, and cyber infrastructure improvements in research areas selected by the jurisdiction's EPSCoR steering committee as having the best potential to improve future R&D competitiveness of the jurisdiction. More at:

[http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm\\_summ.jsp?pims\\_id=503429&WT.mc\\_id=USNSF\\_39&WT.mc\\_ev=click](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=503429&WT.mc_id=USNSF_39&WT.mc_ev=click)

Eligibility list here: [http://www.nsf.gov/od/oia/programs/epscor/FY2012\\_Eligibility.pdf](http://www.nsf.gov/od/oia/programs/epscor/FY2012_Eligibility.pdf)

**\$ - UH Diversity and Equity Initiative**

**Deadline: October 5, 2012 & February 3, 2013**

Promoting campus diversity and a climate of inclusiveness, diversity initiatives have been applied toward teaching, research, performance, trainings, workshops, visiting speakers, and through outreach and recruitment activities. Working with a review committee from the UH system, applications for the initiative is administrated by the Office of Student Equity Excellence and Diversity (SEED). For proposals requesting up to \$5000: attach a narrative 5 pages or less. Include goals and objectives, method and evaluation of project and what area of diversity it addresses. Proposals that request \$1000 or less: attach a 1 page narrative describing the project and the area of diversity it addresses. Revised guidelines and an updated application are available [online](#). For more information, contact **Pua Auyong**.

<http://www.hawaii.edu/diversity/dei/index.html>

**\$ - USDA, NRCS, Commodity Credit Corporation - Conservation Innovation Grants: Adaptation to Drought Announcement for Program Funding (CFDA Number: 10.912)**

**Deadline: October 15, 2012**

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), an agency under the United States Department of Agriculture, is announcing availability of Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) to stimulate the development, adoption, and evaluation of innovative approaches and technologies that enhance adaption to drought. Applications will be accepted from all 50

States, the Caribbean Area (Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands), and the **Pacific Islands Area (Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands)**. NRCS anticipates that the amount available for support of this program in FY 2013 will be up to \$5 million. Applications are requested from eligible governmental or non-governmental organizations or individuals for competitive consideration of grant awards for projects between 1 and 3 years in duration.

[http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb1048671.pdf](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb1048671.pdf)

**\$ - USDA, Rural Development - Value-Added Producer Grants (VAPG)**

**Deadline: October 15, 2012**

The primary objective of the VAPG program is to help agricultural producers enter into value-added activities related to the processing and/or marketing of bio-based value-added products. Generating new products, creating and expanding marketing opportunities, and increasing producer income are the end goals of this program. Awards may be made for either economic planning or working capital activities related to the processing and/or marketing of valued-added agricultural products. You must be an Independent Producer, Agricultural Producer Group, Farmer or Rancher Cooperative, or a Majority Controlled Produced-Based Business to apply to this program. Approximately \$14 million in competitive grant funds for FY 2012 is available to help agricultural producers enter into value-added activities. The maximum grant amount for a planning grant is \$100,000 and the maximum grant amount for a working capital grant is \$300,000. There is a matching funds requirement of at least \$1 for every \$1 in grant funds provided by the Agency (matching funds plus grant funds must equal proposed total project costs). Matching funds may be in the form of cash or eligible in-kind contributions and may be used only for eligible project purposes. You cannot use grant funds to purchase property or construct facilities, or to purchase equipment.

[http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP\\_VAPG.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP_VAPG.html)

**\$ - USDA, NIFA, Western SARE - Professional Development Program Grants**

**Deadline: October 31, 2012**

These grants focus on training agricultural professionals to help them spread knowledge about sustainable agriculture concepts and practices. PDP Grants are limited to \$60,000 for single-state proposals, while proposals with meaningful involvement from more than one state can apply for up to \$100,000. Grants can run for up to three years, with the final year to be focused on project evaluation. Proposals will be reviewed by a technical panel in January 2013, and the Western SARE Administrative Council will select proposals for funding in March 2013.

[https://wsaregrants.usu.edu/grants/docs/CFP\\_PDP.pdf](https://wsaregrants.usu.edu/grants/docs/CFP_PDP.pdf)

## **\$ - National Research Council (NRC) of the National Academies - Research Associateship Programs (RAP)**

**Deadlines:** May 1, August 1, **November 1, 2012 & Feb 1, 2013.**

The mission of the NRC Research Associateship Programs (RAP) is to promote excellence in scientific and technological research conducted by the U. S. government through the administration of programs offering [graduate](#), postdoctoral, and senior level research opportunities at [participating federal laboratories and affiliated institutions](#). In these programs, prospective applicants select a research project or projects from among the large group of opportunities listed on this website. Prior to completing an application, prospective applicants should contact the proposed Research Adviser to assure that funding will be available if their application is recommended by NRC panels. Once mutual interest is established between a prospective applicant and a Research Adviser, an application is submitted through the NRC WebRap system. Reviews are conducted four times each year and review results are available approximately 6-8 weeks following the application deadline. These awards include generous stipends ranging from \$42,000 - \$75,000 per year for recent Ph.D. recipients, and higher for additional experience. [Graduate](#) entry level stipends begin at \$30,000. Detailed program information, including online applications, instructions on [how to apply](#) and a [list of participating laboratories](#), is available on the NRC Research Associateship Programs [website](http://sites.nationalacademies.org/pga/rap/) (<http://sites.nationalacademies.org/pga/rap/>).

Questions should be directed to the NRC at 202-334-2760 (phone) or [rap@nas.edu](mailto:rap@nas.edu).

## **\$ - U.S. Dept of State Title VIII Program, IREX - The Individual Advanced Research Opportunities Program (IARO) & The Short-Term Travel Grants Program (STG)**

**Deadlines:** IARO – **November 14, 2012; STG - February 6, 2013**

IREX is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for the 2013-2014 Individual Advanced Research Opportunities Program (IAROL) and Short Term Travel Grants Program (STG). These innovative and flexible programs offer U.S. scholars and professionals the opportunity to conduct policy-relevant research in Eastern Europe and Eurasia. Researchers are able to increase their understanding of current regional issues, develop and sustain international networks, and directly contribute to the formation of U.S. public policy by conducting research on topics vital to the academic and policymaking communities.

Fellowships provide international airfare, a living/housing stipend, visa support, emergency evacuation insurance, logistical support and, in many countries, field office support. Countries Eligible for Research: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan

IARO provides students, scholars and professionals with support to conduct policy-relevant field research in the countries of Eastern Europe and Eurasia. Master's students, pre-doctoral students, postdoctoral scholars, and professionals with advanced degrees are eligible.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens. For additional information and online application: [Individual Advanced Research Opportunities Program \(IARO\)](#), or contact at: [iaro@irex.org](mailto:iaro@irex.org), or [202-628-8188](tel:202-628-8188).

STG is a short-term, flexible program for postdoctoral scholars and professionals to conduct targeted, policy-relevant research in Eastern Europe and Eurasia. Postdoctoral scholars and professionals with advanced degrees are eligible. Applicants must be US citizens. For additional information: [Short-Term Travel Grants Program \(STG\)](#), or contact at [stg@irex.org](mailto:stg@irex.org), or [202-628-8188](tel:202-628-8188).

### **\$ - UH Women's Campus Club accepting grant applications**

**Deadline: November 30, 2012**

The University of Hawai'i [Women's Campus Club](#) invites applications for funding of special projects for 2013. Proposals may be submitted by departments, organizations, programs, or by individuals associated with any of these on any of the University of Hawai'i campuses. Priority is given to projects that benefit a large number of students, enhance the university community environment on any UH campus, and have not received major grants from the Women's Campus Club in recent years. Requests should be concise, **not more than two or three pages**. Give clear goals and specific information on who will benefit from the grant, how it will be used, and a realistic line item budget. Items which can be realistically funded within a projected budget are more likely to be considered. Indicate if there are other sources of funding. Requests for individuals, salaries or wages, entertainment, food and travel will not be considered. Since grants are awarded on an annual basis and no funds are held in reserve, supplementary request cannot be funded. Grants for 2013 will be announced by February 2013 and funds will be released soon after that date. The average grant awarded was no more than \$4,000. Forms for proposals can be found on the [Women's Campus Club website](#). Five copies of proposals can be mailed to **June C. Naughton**, Allocations Chair, Women's Campus Club, P.O. Box 62104, Honolulu, HI 96839, or delivered to WCC, Bachman Annex 2 (UH Mānoa Campus Mail). For more information, e-mail [June Naughton](mailto:June Naughton) or call (808) 524-2718.

[http://www.hawaii.edu/wcc/grant\\_program.html](http://www.hawaii.edu/wcc/grant_program.html)

### **\$ - USDA, NIFA, Western SARE - [Farmer/Rancher Grants](#)**

**Deadline: December 5, 2012**

These one- to three-year grants are conducted by agricultural producers with support and guidance from a technical advisor. Individual farmers or ranchers may apply for up to \$15,000, and a group of three or more producers may apply for up to \$25,000. Producers typically use their grants to conduct on-site experiments that can improve their operations and the environment and can be shared with other producers. Grant recipients may also focus on marketing and organic production. A technical review will be held in January 2013, and proposals will be selected for funding in March 2013.

[https://wsaregrants.usu.edu/grants/docs/CFP\\_PG.pdf](https://wsaregrants.usu.edu/grants/docs/CFP_PG.pdf)

**\$ - USDA, NIFA, Western SARE - [Professional + Producer Grants](#)**

**Deadline: December 5, 2012**

These one- to three-year grants are similar in concept to the Farmer/Rancher Grants with a few key differences. Instead of a producer serving as the project coordinator, an agricultural professional – Cooperative Extension educator or Natural Resources Conservation Service professional, for example – coordinates the project. A farmer or rancher serves as the project advisor. Applicants can seek up to \$50,000 and must have at least five producers involved. A technical review will be held in January 2013, and proposals will be selected for funding in March 2013.

URL: [https://wsaregrants.usu.edu/grants/docs/CFP\\_PPG.pdf](https://wsaregrants.usu.edu/grants/docs/CFP_PPG.pdf)

**\$ - USDA, NIFA - Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Diseases**

The program's focus is on both the discovery, as well as on building and testing models that elucidate these principles and processes. Research proposals should focus on understanding the determinants of transmission of diseases to humans, non-human animals, or plants; the spread of pathogens by environmental factors, vectors or abiotic agents; the population dynamics and genetics of reservoir species or alternate hosts; or the cultural, social, behavioral, and economic dimensions of disease transmission.

Solicitation Date (Opening)	July 23, 2012
Letter of Intent Due Date	None
<b>Due Date (Closing)</b>	<b>December 5, 2012</b>
Estimated Total Program Funding	\$12,000,000.00
Range of Awards	\$1,000,000.00 to \$2,500,000.00
Cost Sharing Requirements	None
For More Information Contact	<a href="#">Peter Johnson</a>
CFDA Number	10.310

[http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf12587&org=NSF](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf12587&org=NSF)

**\$ - NIH - Basic social and behavioral research on culture, health, and wellbeing (R24)**

**Deadline: December 17, 2012**

This RFA encourages grant applications for infrastructure support to develop, strengthen, and evaluate transdisciplinary approaches and methods for basic behavioral and/or social research on the relationships among cultural practices/beliefs, health, and wellbeing. This includes an appreciation for more comprehensive understandings of the relationships regarding cultural attitudes, beliefs, practices, and processes, on outcomes relevant to human health and wellbeing. Model animal research teams are welcome to apply. OppNet intends to commit \$1,425,000 in FY2013 for approximately 5-7 awards. Future year amounts will depend on annual appropriations.

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-LM-12-002.html>

## \$ - USDA, NIFA, Western SARE - Sustainable Agriculture Tour Grants

### **Deadline: applications accepted year round**

Sustainable Agricultural Tour Grants are funded for only one year. Any agriculture/natural resource professional in the Western region may apply. These professionals are cooperative extension educators/agents and specialists, USDA-NRCS field staff, agricultural consultants, nonprofit staff members or other agricultural professionals assisting producers at the local level. The grant applicant's institution and or organization are fiscally responsible for the project. These grants are offered as a cost reimbursable contract. Applicants are required to have at least one past or current Western SARE-funded project as part of the tour. Preference will be given for the more Western SARE-funded projects visited. The maximum amount per grant application is \$2,000. These grants are to provide opportunities for producers to:

- Interact and network with producers, and
- Assist producers in adoption of sustainable agricultural production.

URL: [https://wsare.usu.edu/grants/RFA/TRG\\_2010.pdf](https://wsare.usu.edu/grants/RFA/TRG_2010.pdf)

## \$ - NSF - [Tribal Colleges and Universities Program \(TCUP\)](#) (NSF 12-568)

Full Proposal Deadline Date: September 11, 2012 for Instructional Capacity Excellence in TCUP Institutions

Full Proposal Deadline Date: September 25, 2012 for Targeted STEM Infusion Projects  
**Full Proposal Accepted Anytime for Planning Grant Proposals, Broadening Participation Research in STEM Education Proposals, and Catalyzing Opportunities for Research and Education Proposals**

The Tribal Colleges and Universities Program (TCUP) provides awards to Tribal Colleges and Universities, Alaska Native-serving institutions, and **Native Hawaiian-serving institutions** to promote high quality science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education, research, and outreach. TCUP-eligible institutions are predominantly two-year and community colleges. Support is available to TCUP-eligible institutions (see the Additional Eligibility subsection of Section IV of this solicitation) for Planning Grants, Instructional Capacity Excellence in TCUP Institutions (ICE-TI), Broadening Participation Research in STEM Education (BPR) Projects, Targeted STEM Infusion Projects (TSIP), and Catalyzing Opportunities for Research and Education (CORE). Through these mechanisms, along with collaborations with other National Science Foundation (NSF) units and its work with other organizations, TCUP aims to increase Native individuals' participation in STEM careers and the quality of STEM programs at TCUP-eligible institutions. TCUP strongly encourages the inclusion of activities that will benefit veterans. More information at:

[http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm\\_summ.jsp?pims\\_id=5483&WT.mc\\_id=USNSF\\_39&WT.mc\\_ev=click](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5483&WT.mc_id=USNSF_39&WT.mc_ev=click)