In Memory of Dr. Ofunniyin

The Office of Research and Grants Administration offers our deepest condolences with the loved ones of Dr. Ade Ajani Ofunniyin. He was a dear member of the College of Charleston community and an earnest scholar and researcher. While at the College, he taught courses on race and cultural preservation. He played an integral role in the reinternment of the remains of 36 African-descended people that were discovered during the Gaillard Center renovations in 2013. He founded the Gullah Society, whose work identifies and preserves Charleston’s historic Black burial grounds. He included his students in this work, teaching them to document and restore these historic sites. Read more about his life and legacy here.

National Sea Grant College Funding Opportunity

The National Sea Grant College program is supporting two projects as part of the Sea Grant Federal Partnership Liaison Competition. Liaisons will work with the Sea Grant Network and federal partners to identify needs and products on key national Sea Grant topics (e.g. hurricanes, flooding, coastal storms, marine, aquatic, and coastal hazards, fishing communities) and use the Sea Grant network to disseminate federal partner research results, information products, and services with stakeholders at the community, regional, or state-level. Applications are due January 26, 2021. For more information, click here.

National Endowment for the Humanities Funding Opportunities

The NEH’s Digital Humanities Advancement Grants program supports innovative, experimental, and computationally challenging digital projects from the early start-up phases through implementation and sustainability. This aims to fund research that can be scaled to enhance scholarly research, teaching, and public programming in the humanities. Additionally, this program supports scholarship that examines the history, criticism, and philosophy of digital culture or technology and its impact on society. Applications are due January 15, 2021. For more information, click here.

The NEH’s Division of Preservation is accepting applications for its Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions program. This program aims to help small and mid-sized institutions improve their ability to preserve and care for their significant humanities collections. Applications are due January 14, 2021. For more information, click here.

National Science Foundation Funding Opportunities

The purpose of the Research on Emerging Technologies for Teaching and Learning (RETTL) program is to support research in emerging technologies which include, but are not limited to, artificial intelligence, robotics, and immersive or augmenting technologies for future teaching and learning. The scope of the program is broad, and research should be informed by the convergence of multiple disciplines. Applications are due January 25, 2021. For more information, click here.

The NSF established the Expeditions in Computing program to “pursue ambitious, fundamental research agendas that promise to define the future of computing and information.” Investigators are strongly encouraged to collaborate across departments or institutions in the identifications of research agendas that promise “disruptive innovations in computer and information science and engineering for many years to come.” Applications are due February 16, 2021. For more information, click here.

The Law and Science Program will support research that advances scientific theory and understanding of the connections between human behavior and law, legal institutions, or legal processes; or the interactions of law and basic sciences, including biology, computer and information sciences, STEM education, engineering, geosciences, and math and physical sciences. The program is inherently interdisciplinary and multi-methodological. Applications are due January 15, 2021. For more information, click here.

Helpful Tip!

The National Science Foundation requires a biographical sketch for each individual identified as senior personnel. The requirement to use an NSF-approved format for preparation of the biographical sketch went into effect on October 5, 2020. NSF has a Biosketch webpage to help individuals who are submitting NSF proposals. Click here to access the webpage, which includes information on approved formats for creating biographical sketches, a link to an informative webinar, and frequently asked questions (FAQs).