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The Minerva Research Initiative

Launched by the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) in 2008, the Minerva Research Initiative is a DOD-sponsored, university-based social science research initiative that focuses on areas of strategic importance to U.S. national security policy. The Minerva Initiative supports social science research aimed at improving the basic understanding of security, broadly conceived, with the goal of improving the U.S. Dept. Of Defense's understanding of the social, cultural, behavioral, and political forces that shape regions of the world of strategic importance of the United States. Minerva brings together universities, research institutions, and individual scholars and supports interdisciplinary and cross-institutional projects addressing specific topic areas determined by the Secretary of Defense. OSD is particularly interested in projects that align with and support the upcoming 2022 National Defense Strategy. White Paper submissions are due October 14, 2022. The full proposal deadline is February 9, 2023. For more information please, click here.

The National Science Foundation (NSF) Oceanographic Facilities & Equipment Support Grant

The NSF Oceanographic Facilities and Equipment Support grant funds the procurement, conversion and/or upgrade, enhancement or annual operation of platforms in the ocean, coastal, near-shore and Great Lakes. Funds are awarded to enhance or upgrade facilities and/or equipment that are shared by federally-supported research and education programs. Therefore, the goal of the funding program is to ensure the availability of appropriate facilities for federally-funded investigators and educators. Programs covered include Ship Operations, Oceanographic Technical Services and Instrumentation, Shipboard Scientific Support Equipment, Ship Acquisition and Upgrade, and other Facility Activities. The application deadline is December 15, 2022. For more information please, click here.

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Public Scholars Program

The NEH Public Scholars program offers grants to individual authors for research, writing, travel, and other activities leading to the creation and publication of well-researched nonfiction books in the humanities that are written for the broad public. The program encourages non-academic writers to deepen their engagement with the humanities by strengthening the research underlying their books. The program also encourages academic writers in the humanities to communicate the significance of their research to the broadest possible range of readers. Awards will support individuals with $5000/month for a six to twelve month performance period. Project start dates range from Sept. 1, 2023, through Sept. 1, 2024. The application deadline is November 20, 2022. For more information please, click here.

The South Carolina Arts Commission (SCAC) Individual Fellowships & Arts Project Support Grants

The SCAC Individual Artist Fellowship recognizes the artistic achievements of South Carolina's individual artists with awards up to $10,000. Consideration for the fellowship is given based on work samples, achievements, and commitment to the discipline in which artists apply. The arts disciplines that qualify for support via the artist fellowship for the FY24 rotation include: visual art, craft, time-based art, and music composition. The application deadline is November 15, 2022. For more information please, click here.

The SCAC Arts Project Support (APS) Grant supports artists' and organizations' quality arts projects and events and/or their commitment to improving themselves and/or their work artistically. The APS grant can be used to build and/or increase technical, online, or virtual capacity; for community arts development; and for career advancement and/or professional development for artists and arts administration staff. APS grants award up to $2,5000. The application deadline is March 6, 2023. For more information please, click here.

SC Humanities Upcoming Deadlines for Mini, Planning, and Fast Track Literary Grants

The SC Humanities supports literary initiatives, lectures, exhibits, festivals, publications, oral history projects, videos and other humanities-based experiences across multiple humanities disciplines. Their programs aim to explore and to educate the public about the rich heritage of South Carolina and its links to the cultural traditions of our nation and world. Mini Grants support small-scale public humanities programs. Planning Grants support preliminary work in designing a project that warrants detailed planning because of its length, scope, or cost. Mini and Planning Grants awards are up to $2000, and application deadlines occur monthly on the first business day of each month for programs starting after the 15th of the following month. Fast Track Literary (FTL) Grants support new or existing public literary programs such as (but not limited to) writers' series, festivals, conferences, workshops, or writer's residencies at schools. Awards are $3,000 or less. The final FTL Grant application deadline for this year is December 1, 2022 for programs starting after January 15, 2023. For more information please, click here.

The US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program

The USDA Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education program encourages research and outreach designed to increase knowledge concerning agricultural production systems. Programs should concentrate on the maintenance and enhancement of the quality and productivity of the soil; soil, water, energy, natural resources, and fish and wildlife habitat conservation; maintenance and enhancement of the quality of surface and ground water; protecting the health and safety of persons involved in the food and farm system; promoting the well-being of animals; and increasing employment opportunities in agriculture. Application deadlines and award amounts vary by program area. For more information please, click here.