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Funding for PhD in Nursing Educational Leadership

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration has awarded Kean University's School of Nursing \$309,183 for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, to be administered through the Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP). Dr. Virginia Fitzsimmons is the program's director.

National data document the significant shortage of nursing faculty across the country. There are several thousand unfilled full-time nursing faculty positions in the United States in any year. A quarter of current nursing faculty will retire within ten years. In New Jersey, hundreds of qualified candidates cannot be admitted to registered nurse programs because of a lack of faculty to teach them.

The Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP) was created by Congress to increase the number of qualified nursing faculty by providing financial support for students enrolled in advanced nursing education programs. In 2010, the Affordable Care Act granted funding priority to schools of nursing that support doctoral nursing students.

Kean University's new Ph.D. in Nursing Educational Leadership began January 21, 2014 on the Kean Ocean campus in Toms River, NJ. The program prepares graduates with the knowledge base and competencies to assume a

role as a qualified nursing faculty in both clinical and classroom environments.

Up to 25 students may receive loan support to cover the full or partial tuition and fees for the academic year, not to exceed \$35,500 during fiscal year 2014-15. NFLP loan support includes the cost of tuition, fees, books, laboratory expenses and other reasonable education expenses.

Under the program, loan recipients who continue working as nurse faculty over a consecutive four-year period may earn a loan cancellation of up to 80 %.

Research Fellowship in Educator Preparation

The American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) has awarded a 2014 Research Fellowship in Educator Preparation to William Paterson University of New Jersey in partnership with Kean University and Rowan University. The one-year fellowship will provide researchers \$30,000 to study the persistence in urban classrooms of teachers prepared through varied certification pathways.

Dr. Susan Polirstok, Dean of the College of Education, is the Principal Investigator at Kean University on the project.

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Research Compliance Matters

IRB Information for 2014-2015 Academic Year

The compliance website (<http://compliance.kean.edu>) contains information about the Institutional Review Board (IRB) due dates for the 2014-2015 academic year, IRB process (including copies of forms and links to the NIH training course) as well as material regarding the IRB online portal.

Please note that meeting dates are always held 2 weeks to the day after due dates. In order to have your research protocol reviewed by the IRB committee, applications must be submitted via the online portal at irb.kean.edu with hard copies submitted to Townsend 123. Hard copies must be submitted by the 5 PM on the due date.

First time applicants to the IRB should familiarize themselves with this material in an attempt to better understand the process we have at Kean. Contact Dr. Joseph Cronin jcronin@kean.edu or ext 73464 for questions and guidance related to research compliance.



Grant Administration

Student Research Assistants

The following documents are needed to process a stipend payment:

- Stipend Contract
- W4 form
- Copy of the student's social security card

The Grants Post-Award Administrator should be contacted for guidance with the processing of student stipends. It is the responsibility of the Project Director/Principal Investigator to insure that all paperwork required to process the stipend

payment is completed properly and receives all the needed approvals. Stipend contracts must be typed. Documents that are handwritten will not be accepted. All completed signed documents should be forwarded to the Grants Post-Award Administrator for processing.

Contact Brenda Dunlop bdunlop@kean.edu or ext. 73345 for questions and guidance relating to grant administration.

Deadlines & Reminders

Save the date! Kean Research Days 2015 will be April 28—29



Tuesday, September 30

Fulbright Scholar Program Workshop

Tuesday, October 7

IRB Application Deadline

Wednesday, October 8

Clinton Global Initiative University Network Workshop

Student Spotlight



Connie Hassett-Walker (Faculty), Erica Schwartz and Nia Noziere (Students)

An Examination of Health Issues among Women in the Criminal Justice System

SpF awardees, graduate student Nya Noziere and undergraduate Erica Schwartz, are conducting research on the questions of “What are the warning signs in childhood and adolescence that women offenders will also become drug addicts? Why do some women offenders become drug addicts while others do not?”

Erica and Nya had the opportunity to discuss their ideas with advisor Dr. Hassett-Walker’s NIH grant co-investigators – Dr. Gilbert Gee of the University of California at Los Angeles and Dr. Katrina Walsemann of the University of South Carolina – at the investigators’

annual site visit at Kean University this summer.

Nya and Erica have now moved onto the next phase of the SpF study. Once they obtain IRB approval, Nya and Erica will select and run analyses on variables from the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth (NLSY97) that tap into key concepts relevant to their research question, including peers, self esteem, childhood running away, and experiencing child abuse.

During the semester the student researchers plan to interview women offenders to see whether the results from their original data collection match those from the analyses of the existing NLSY97 data.

ORSP News

Workshops Highlight

Register at <http://orsp.kean.edu>

Fulbright Scholar Program & the Center for International Studies at Kean

Presented by: Bill McShane, Program Officer, Fulbright Scholar Program; Yaruby Petit-Frere and Dr. Melda Yildiz, Kean University

Tuesday, September 30
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM - UC 226



Bill McShane will describe the teaching and research opportunities in more than 125 countries that are available to faculty through the Fulbright Scholar Program. He will offer advice on selecting countries for application, on making contacts abroad, and on how to prepare the Fulbright application. He will also describe the programs available to host visiting foreign Fulbright scholars.

Yaruby Petit-Frere will describe the process at Kean for inviting and hosting visiting international faculty, including application, visa steps, and faculty responsibilities; the travel/learn process and timeline for initiating and conducting a travel/learn program; faculty support for advising international students; and, Kean-Wenzhou travel.

Melda Yildiz will describe her Fulbright experiences as a Fulbright scholar outlining each step from writing the proposal to living in Turkmenistan. Melda is currently serving as the president of NJ Fulbright Chapter working with Fulbright alumni, scholars, students and visiting scholars since 2010.

Clinton Global Initiative University Network

Presented by: Dr. Sophia Howlett

Wednesday, October 8
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM - UC 226



This workshop will introduce the Clinton Global Initiative University (CGI-U) Network, which Kean University joined this year.

CGI U is a community of innovative, entrepreneurial students, supported by university mentors, who have each developed a plan to address an important challenge in one of the five focus areas of the CGI U (Education, Environment and Climate Change, Peace and Human Rights, Poverty Alleviation, and Public Health).

Students may apply to attend the CGIU conference at the University of Miami in March 2015 hosted by President Bill Clinton and attended by more than 1,000 students, topic experts and celebrities. University Network members connect and collaborate throughout the academic year via monthly conference calls to share best practices.

The workshop will describe the CGI-U process; how students apply to attend the CGI-U annual meeting; seed funding available for student projects and for travel funding; and, how to capitalize on the broad range of publicity and networking opportunities available to CGI-U participants.

Government Grant Opportunities

Opportunity Title	Due Date
NEH – Summer Stipends	9/30/14
NSF - Algebraic and Number Theory	10/10/14
NSF - Discovery Research K-12	10/16/14
NSF – Improving Undergraduate STEM Education – Exploration projects	10/22/14
NEA - Research: Art Works	Step 1 due 10/26/14; Step 2 due 11/18/14
NSF – Chemistry of Life Processes	10/31/2014
NSF – Investigator-initiated Research Projects – Division of Molecular and Cellular Biosciences	11/17/14
NEA - Literature Fellowships: Translation Projects	12/8/2014
Environmental Protection Agency - 12th Annual P3 Awards	12/16/2014
NSF – Major Research Instrumentation	1/22/2015
NSF - Scholarships for Service	Deadlines in October and November
NSF - Research in Undergraduate Institutions (RUI)	Deadlines vary by program

Foundations and Corporations

Opportunity Title	Due Date
NEA - Learning & Leadership Grants	due 10/15/14
IRA Esther Zolt Academic Research Grant	due 11/15/14
The Spencer Foundation – Research Grants	due 11/ 18/14

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