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*****CompetitionSpace:** Texas Tech University is utilizing *CompetitionSpace* to make it more efficient to submit internal nominations for Targeted External Awards for Faculty, and to submit applications for Internal Award Competitions.

Two new internal awards sponsored by the Office of the Vice President for Research are the Proposal Support and Proposal Review Programs.

The purpose of the Proposal Support Program is to assist faculty submitting extramural funding proposals by providing funds that match support from the faculty member's Department and/or College.

The purpose of the Proposal Review Program is to provide faculty with feedback on a grant proposal that will improve the quality of the proposal before it is submitted to the funding agency.

Internal and targeted external award information can be found at TTU's *CompetitionSpace* by clicking [here](#).

*****Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Visiting Scholars Program:** The FDIC sponsors the Center for Financial Research (CFR) Visiting Scholar program. Appointments are for a limited, renewable term and can be full or part time. The appointments are awarded competitively to ***professors of any rank and doctorate students nearing completion of their dissertations.***

CFR Visiting Scholars are expected to conduct research on topics relevant to the condition of the banking industry and the CFR mission and are expected to interact with FDIC economists, ideally resulting in the co-authorship of papers. Visiting Scholars participate in research seminars and conferences, and make seminar presentations on their research. The FDIC maintains extensive data sources pertaining to the financial services industry, including ***a significant amount of proprietary data on failed banks.*** Program information can be found [here](#).

*****Rawls Student Research Program Update:** RSRP studies are scheduled to close for the Fall semester on November 20, 2015. Participating course instructors should receive their corresponding RSRP credit reports by December, 7, 2015.



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TTU Office of Research Services Seminars:

- **Budget Basics:** Participants will learn how to begin the proposal budget process, what to include, what not to include, tips and shortcuts, and how to use the MS Excel ORS budget template. **Seminar Dates: November 11 and December 16, 2015.**
- **Research Orientation for New Faculty:** In order to facilitate a smooth transition to the research process at TTU, the Office of Research Services conducts a research orientation session for all incoming faculty and research staff. Faculty who are new to campus and those who are not-so-new (but have never attended a research orientation) are encouraged to attend. The session will cover proposal development and processing; review of institutional policies and procedures affecting research at Texas Tech; internal and external funding opportunities; and inform attendees about compliance issues. **Seminar Date: December 3, 2015.**

Additional information and registration can be found [here](#).

Funding Opportunities

W. E. Upjohn Foundation for Employment Research – 2016 Early Career Research Awards (ECRA). The Upjohn Institute requests proposals for Early Career Research Awards. These grants are intended to provide resources to junior faculty to carry out policy-related research on labor market issues. The Institute encourages research proposals on all issues related to labor markets and public workforce policy. The next deadline for letters of inquiry is **February 1, 2016**. Application and submission guidelines can be found [here](#).

The NASDAQ Educational Foundation, Inc. – The mission of The Nasdaq Educational Foundation, Inc. is to promote and provide opportunities through collaborations and initiatives that support and deliver innovative educational programs and charitable activities supportive of The NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc.'s Mission. Grant support includes: Academic Study or Research, Ph.D. Dissertation Fellowships, Curriculum Development, and Educational Projects or Programs. All proposals must further financial markets literacy and entrepreneurship in addition to meeting other criteria. Letters of Inquiry are due **February 1, 2016**. Application and submission guidelines can be found [here](#).

IBM Center for the Business of Government: Research Report Stipends The aim of the IBM Center for The Business of Government is to tap into the best minds in

academe and the nonprofit sector who can use rigorous public management research and analytic techniques to help public sector executives and managers improve the effectiveness of government. Individuals receiving a stipend should produce a 10,000- to 12,000-word report. The manuscript should be submitted no later than six months after the start of the project. Recipients will select the start and end dates. The report should be written for government leaders and public managers, providing very practical knowledge and insight. Project funding ranges from **\$150,000 to \$1,000,000**. The next proposal deadline is **April 1, 2016**. Program guidelines can be found [here](#) and [here](#).



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Transparency in Sponsored Research: The Texas Legislature passed House Bill 1295 (the new Section 51.954 of the Education Code), which becomes effective September 1, 2015. The new law addresses transparency in research funding. It requires researchers communicating publicly about their research to conspicuously disclose the identity of each sponsor of the research, "if the research was funded under a research grant or contract that covered at least 50% of the cost of the research. It applies to researchers at Texas Tech University who either publish their research results, testify about their results in a legislative, regulatory, or judicial proceeding, post their results on a website, or distribute their results in a public forum, such as a conference. Click [here](#) for the full text.

Foundation Funding Opportunities

Metlife Foundation –*Financial inclusion* grant requests are accepted and reviewed throughout the year. Financial inclusion grantmaking strategy rests on [Metlife's Three Pillars](#) and each successful grant demonstrates a clear plan to achieve results in one or more of those focus areas. In the evaluation of ***the organization***, the factors considered include the organization's general structure, objectives, history and management capability; its relationship to the community and the population to be served; its position relative to organizations performing similar functions; and its financial position and sources of income. In the evaluation of ***the project***, the factors considered include the project's goals and implementation plans; length of time for the project to be complete; the ultimate disposition of the project; benefits of the projects; and the sources of financial and other support. In deciding the ***amount of support***, the factors considered include availability of funds, relative priorities and funding patterns. Program guidelines can be found [here](#).

Russell Sage Foundation - The Russell Sage Foundation's (RSF) program on the Future of Work supports innovative research on the causes and consequences of changes in the quality of jobs for less- and moderately-skilled workers and their families. The foundation seeks investigator-initiated research proposals that will broaden our understanding of the role of changes in employer practices, the nature of the labor market and public policies on the employment, earnings, and the quality of jobs of workers. The foundation is especially interested in proposals that address important

questions about the interplay of market and non-market forces in shaping the wellbeing of workers, today and in the future.

- A program on **Behavioral Economics** focused on research that incorporates insights of psychology and other social sciences into the study of economic behavior.
- A program of research on the **Future of Work** concerned primarily with examining the causes and consequences of the declining quality of jobs for less- and moderately-educated workers in the U.S. economy and the role of changes in employer practices, the nature of the labor market and public policies on the employment, earnings, and the quality of jobs of American workers.
- A program of research on **Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration** concerned with the social, economic, and political effects of the changing racial and ethnic composition of the U.S. population, including the transformation of communities and ideas about what it means to be American.
- A program of research on **Social Inequality** focused on whether rising economic inequality has affected social, political, and economic institutions in the U.S., and the extent to which increased inequality has affected equality of opportunity, social mobility, and the intergenerational transmission of advantage.

Awards are available for research assistance, data acquisition, data analysis, and investigator time for conducting research and writing up results. Applications should limit budget requests to no more than a two-year period, with a maximum of **\$150,000** (including overhead) per project. Letters of Inquiry are due **January 5, 2016** and **June 15, 2016**. Program guidelines can be found [here](#).

National Institute of Health (NIH) Funding Opportunity

NIH – Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) - *Work, Family, Health, and Well Being Initiative*, funded through the NICHD Population Dynamics, supports interdisciplinary research to develop innovative designs for evaluating the effects of workplace policies and practices related to work-family conflict on the health and well-being of workers and their families and on the organization/workplace. The long-range goals of this project is to identify workplace interventions that can improve health and well-being by improving workers' ability to successfully meet demands of both work and family. This work also aims to develop: a common theoretical model that can guide the design of additional research; and a common return-on-investment model that users can adapt to different workplace settings. These common models enable researchers to better examine and compare employer costs and benefits for the interventions. *Topic areas* and *current initiative sites* can be found [here](#).



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ASA/NSF/BLS Fellowship Program (American Statistical Association, National Science Foundation, Bureau of Labor Statistics) - The ASA/NSF/BLS Fellowship Program is designed to improve the collaboration between government and academic research. The program allows research fellows to come to the Bureau of Labor Statistics to use agency data and interact with agency staff. Fellowship appointment terms are flexible; the usual term is six months, but can range from four to 12 months. Applications are due **February 8, 2016**. Application and submission guidelines can be found [here](#).

Strategic Management Society (SMS) – SMS is calling for research proposals to be submitted to the Research in Organizations Program (RiO). The goal of RiO is to connect research and practice, and to encourage strategy researchers to engage more closely with the strategic decision-makers and strategy developers in different types of organizations. Funding is available to facilitate empirical research studies conducted in organizational settings in which scholars collaborate with managers to generate new knowledge that contributes to both strategic management theory and the practice. The submission deadline is **April 1, 2016** and the grant period is **July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2018**. Project funding of up to **\$15,000** is available. Application and submission guidelines can be found [here](#).

NSF Funding Opportunity

Science of Organizations (SoO) - SoO funds research that advances our fundamental understanding of how organizations develop, form and operate. Successful SoO research proposals use scientific methods to develop and refine theories, to empirically test theories and frameworks, and to develop new measures and methods. Funded research is aimed at yielding generalizable insights that are of value to the business practitioner, policy-maker and research communities. SoO welcomes any and all rigorous, scientific approaches that illuminate aspects of organizations as systems of coordination, management and governance. Proposal targets dates are **February 2, 2016** and **September 3, 2016**. Funding ranges from **\$100,000 to \$400,000**. Application and submission guidelines can be found [here](#).



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How To Obtain Federal Funds for Research that is Commercializable:

The SBIR/STTR Program

Friday, February 19

2:30 pm– 4:00 pm

TTU Health Sciences Center, Room ACB 100

For those looking to commercialize innovation, Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer Research (STTR) grants are important options to consider. University researchers across the country have found these to be significant sources of funding and, in some cases, more accessible than NIH R01 grants or angel investing/venture capital. Various models have emerged for the university researcher to spin off a business or to collaborate with an existing business and then subcontract part of the work back to the university.

You are invited to learn about SBIR/STTR possibilities as well as university and community resources available to assist you with proposals.

Funding Opportunities

Marketing Science Institute (MSI): MSI Research Initiative on Customer Satisfaction –MSI announces an initiative to foster novel research on the broad topic of customer experience. The goal of this research competition is to stimulate new and novel academic work that will help scholars and managers better understand, design, manage and measure customer experience. Research grants range from **\$3,000 - \$15,000**. Competitive submissions should propose high quality research on critical questions in this area that are relevant to both academics and marketing practitioners.

This is open to all research methodologies and approaches. Pre-proposals may be submitted at any time through **June, 2016**. Application and submission guidelines can be found [here](#).

Laura and John Arnold Foundation: Low-Cost Randomized Controlled Trials (RCT) to Drive Effective Social Spending - This RFP invites grant applications to conduct low-cost RCTs in any area of domestic social policy. The targeted award amount is **\$150,000**, while the foundation will potentially award up to **\$300,000** per project. Letters of Interests are due **March 1, 2016**. Application and submission guidelines can be found [here](#).

Moody's: Credit Market Research Funds (CMRF) - Moody's CMRF promotes the study of capital markets and credit related topics within the academic community. Moody's CMRF provides funding in the form of stipends and other assistance for specific research projects **up to \$25,000**. Topics of interest include research on credit risk and analysis, default risk, valuation, capital and credit markets, market microstructure, derivatives, regulatory practices, econometric and statistical methods for credit analytics, and portfolio theory. **Application are accepted at any time and reviewed quarterly**. Application and submission guidelines can be found [here](#).



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Funding Opportunity

Project Management Institute (PMI) – PMI's Academic Resources Department solicits proposals for research funding on any topic related to project, program or portfolio management. Awards include **(1) focused literature review (up to \$20,000), or (2) standard research grant (up to \$50,000)**. Proposed research must have direct application to some aspect of the project management body of knowledge or its practice. PMI encourage proposals on research involving multi-disciplinary teams of investigators or teams consisting of academics and practitioners who bring new ways of

thinking and related bodies of literature to the field. Submission deadline is **April 25, 2016**. Application and submission guidelines can be found [here](#).

NSF Funding Opportunity

Interdisciplinary Behavioral and Social Science Research (IBSS) - IBSS competition promotes the conduct of interdisciplinary research by teams of investigators in the social and behavioral sciences. Emphasis is placed on the significance of expected intellectual contributions that are likely to yield generalizable insights and information that will enhance theoretical perspectives and advance basic knowledge and capabilities across multiple SBE disciplinary fields. Although the IBSS competition will consider any proposal that addresses a topic for which the proposal makes a compelling case that the research will enhance broader theoretical understanding across multiple social and behavioral science fields, social and behavioral science researchers are especially encouraged to submit proposals for research on one of the following **three broadly defined topics: Population Change; Sources and Consequences of Disparities; and Technology, New Media, and Social Networks**. Full proposal deadline is **December 6, 2016**. Funding ranges from **\$200,000 to \$1,000,000**. Application and submission guidelines can be found [here](#).



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Fulbright Canada Visiting Research Chair Opportunities – Application and submission guidelines for the following Fulbright opportunities can be found [here](#). Application deadline is August 1, 2016.

1.) Visiting Research Chair in Business and Management at Queen's University

US\$25,000 for 4 months (September 2017 or January 2018)

The holder of the Fulbright Research Chair will benefit from a vibrant research climate, with stimulating interactions in frequent seminars, workshops and brown bag lunches with other faculty, graduate students and invited professors. *Queen's School of Business provides access to resources that support their research such as financial and accounting databases, and a participant ("subject") pool, and a behavioral lab. The Fulbright Chair will also benefit from access to the University's Research Data Centre.*

Specialization: Any academic business discipline, such as behavioral, management or financial accounting, finance, international business, marketing, management information systems, managerial economics, management science, organizational behavior and/or theory.

2.) Visiting Research Chair in Business at the University of Alberta

US\$25,000 for 4 months (September 2017 or January 2018)

The University of Alberta School of Business ranks in the top three Canadian business faculties in research and in some departments in the top 50 in North America. The University of Alberta is situated in the heart of the City of Edmonton in a scenic area on the south bank of the North Saskatchewan River. Edmonton has a metropolitan area population of over one million and is known for its expansive park system that runs through the city. The capital city of the province of Alberta, Edmonton is a cultural, government and educational center.

Specialization: Marketing, strategy, organization and management of information systems.

Funding Opportunity

FINRA Investor Education Foundation (FINRA): The FINRA Foundation welcomes applications for projects of approximately **\$50,000–\$100,000** that advance understanding of the relationships among financial literacy, financial capability and financial well-being. Projects should be completed within 36 months of the grant award. Priority will be given to projects that use data from the National Financial Capability Study and other existing data sets. Potential grantees are encouraged to expand or leverage [programs or materials](#) developed or supported by the FINRA Foundation and FINRA. The Foundation seeks to fund projects that advance its mission through:

Educational projects or programs: Funding is for programs that respond to an unmet financial education, investor education or investor protection need for a target audience.

Research: Funding is for research that expands the body of knowledge and offers solutions in the field of financial education, investor education and investor protection.

Combination of research and educational program: Funding is for initiatives that lead with a research element and follow with a high-impact financial education, investor education or investor protection project based upon the results of the research. The FINRA Foundation accepts Project Concept Forms at any time during the year. Application and submission guidelines can be found [here](#).

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Human Research Protection Program's Update on Cayuse IRB Transition: *As of March 1, 2016, all Institutional Review Board work will be through the Cayuse IRB system and no paper proposals will be accepted.* The www.hrpp.ttu.edu webpage has been updated to provide easy access to the Cayuse IRB system. The website continues to provide forms and examples to researchers as they prepare their submissions.



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Investment Management Consultants Association (IMCA) - The *Journal of Investment Consulting* provides funding for research proposals that examine recent research in topics relevant to investment consulting and private wealth management. Research proposals are invited on the following topics: *alternative investments, asset allocation, behavioral finance, currency management, extreme value theory and modeling tail risk, investment due diligence, manager search and selection, monolithic and flash trading, performance measurement, portfolio construction, regime-switching models, risk management, retirement planning, small-cap investing, stress-testing investment portfolios, wealth management, and other relevant topics*. Approved proposals are funded up to **\$7,500 and are considered on a continual basis**. Application guidelines can be found [here](#).

IBM Center for the Business of Government - The aim of the Center is to tap into the best minds in academe who can use rigorous public management research and analytic techniques to help public sector executives and managers improve the effectiveness of government. The Center is looking for very practical findings and actionable recommendations - not just theory or concepts - in order to assist executives and managers to more effectively respond to mission and management challenges. Individuals receiving a stipend should produce a 10,000- to 12,000-word report. The report should be written for government leaders and public managers, providing very practical knowledge and insight. Stipends for each report are awarded **\$20,000**. Proposal deadline is **October 3, 2016**. Application and submission guidelines can be found [here](#).

U.S. Department of Defense - The *U.S. Army Research Institute for the Behavioral and Social Sciences* is the Army's lead agency for the conduct of research, development, and analyses for the improvement of Army readiness and performance via research advances and applications of the behavioral and social sciences that address **personnel, organization, training, and leader development issues**. Programs funded under this Broad Agency Announcement include basic research, applied research, and advanced technology development that can improve human performance and Army readiness. The funding opportunity is divided into two sections- (1) Basic Research and (2) Applied Research and Advanced Technology Development. The four

major topic areas of research interest include the following: **(1) Training (2) Leader Development (3) Team and Inter-Organizational Performance in Complex Environments (4) Solidier/Personnel Issues**. Submissions are considered on a continuous basis. Application and submission guidelines can be found [here](#).

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Faculty Fulbright Scholar Workshop - April 7, 2016 Location: International Cultural Center Room 105 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Workshop 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Reception

Faculty Fulbright representative Catherine Matto, Assistant Director of US Scholar Program for the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) and Institute of International Education (IIE), will give a Fulbright presentation for faculty. Former Faculty Fulbright Scholars will also be on hand.

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NSF Career Program Webinar – Date: May 26 12:00 – 2:00 pm Location: Room 281. No RSVP required.

The NSF CAREER Coordinating Committee hosts a webinar to answer participants' questions about development and submission of proposals to the NSF Faculty Early Career Development Program. The webinar will give participants the opportunity to interact with members of the NSF CAREER Coordinating Committee in a question-and-answer format. The CAREER Program is a **Foundation-wide activity** that offers the **NSF's most prestigious awards in support of junior faculty** who exemplify the role of teacher-scholars through outstanding research, excellent education and the integration of education and research within the context of the mission of their organizations. Program guidelines can be found [here](#).

Funding Opportunities

Steven H. Sandell Grant Program – The Center for Retirement Research sponsors the annual Steven H. Sandell Grant Program for scholars in the field of retirement research and policy. The program is funded by the U.S. Social Security Administration to provide opportunities for junior scholars from all academic disciplines to pursue cutting-edge projects on retirement income issues. Priority areas include: Social Security, macroeconomic analyses of Social Security, wealth and retirement income, program interactions, international research, and demographic research. Up to three grants of **\$45,000** are awarded based upon the quality of the applicant's proposal and

his or her proposed budget. Applicants are required to complete the research outlined in the proposal within one year of the award. Grant recipients may be required to present their work to the Social Security Administration in Washington, DC or Baltimore. Submission deadline is **January 31, 2017**. Application and submission guidelines can be found [here](#).

Transatlantic Platform Digging into Data Challenge (T-AP DiD) - National Science Foundation's Directorate for Social, Behavioral & Economic Sciences is partnering in 2016 T-AP DiD . Digging into Data is a grant competition open to international, collaborative projects that address research questions in humanities and/or social science disciplines by using new, large-scale, digital data analysis techniques. The program's fourth round of competition will support collaborative research teams from three continents: Europe (Finland, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Portugal and the United Kingdom); North America (Canada, Mexico, the United States); and South America (Brazil and Argentina). The funding opportunity is open to international projects that consist of teams from at least three participating T-AP DiD countries, and must include partners from both sides of the Atlantic, *i.e.*, from Europe and the Americas. Research partners will receive funding from their own national funding agencies for projects of up to 36 months in duration. All projects must address a research question in humanities and/or social science disciplines by using large-scale, digital data analysis. Submission deadline is **June 29, 2016**. Application and submission guidelines can be found [here](#).

Resource Implementations for Data Intensive Research in the Social Behavioral and Economic Sciences (RIDIR) - As part of NSF's Cyberinfrastructure Framework for 21st Century Science and Engineering (CIF21) activity, the Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences seeks to develop user-friendly large-scale next-generation data resources and relevant analytic techniques to advance fundamental research in SBE areas of study. Successful proposals will, within the financial resources provided by the award, construct such databases and/or relevant analytic techniques and produce a finished product that will enable new types of data-intensive research. The databases or techniques should have significant impacts, either across multiple fields or within broad disciplinary areas, by enabling new types of data-intensive research in the SBE sciences. Funding ranges from **\$500,000 to \$1.5 Million**. Submission deadline is **February 27, 2017**. Application and submission guidelines can be found [here](#).



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Funding Opportunities

The Investor Responsibility Research Center Institute (IRRCi) - IRRCi announces the fifth annual IRRCi Research Award competition seeking innovative research that examines the interaction between the real economy and investment theory. Practitioners and academics are invited to submit research papers **by October 7, 2016**, for consideration by a blue-ribbon panel of judges with deep finance and investment experience. Submissions may be an original work created specifically for the IRRCi Research Award, or relevant unpublished papers, or papers that have been published after July 1, 2015. **Two research papers – one academic and one practitioner – each will receive the 2016 IRRCi Research Award along with a \$10,000 award.** The winning papers will also be presented at the December 7, 2016, forum at the Columbia

University Millstein Center for Global Markets and Corporate Governance Forum in New York, NY. Application and submission guidelines can be found [here](#).

Bloomberg Labs (Data Science Research Grant Program) - Bloomberg invites applications for **unrestricted gifts that support research in broadly-construed data science**, including natural language processing, machine learning, and data mining. Bloomberg looks for technical merit, novelty, and potential for impact. Good proposals present a data science problem, a specific idea, and argue that this idea has the potential to succeed. The maximum amount that can be requested is **150,000 USD**. Additionally, Bloomberg typically funds one student for one year, which is often 40,000 to 70,000 USD. The next round of grants will be awarded in 2017, and **the deadline for application submissions will be announced in late summer 2016**. Application and submission guidelines can be found [here](#).

NSF Funding Opportunity

The Science of Science & Innovation Policy (SciSIP) - The SciSIP program supports research designed to advance the scientific basis of science and innovation policy. The program funds research to develop models, analytical tools, data and metrics that can be applied in the **science policy decision making process and concern the use and allocation of scarce scientific resources**. For example, research proposals may develop behavioral and analytical conceptualizations, frameworks or models that have applications across the broad array of science and innovation policy challenges. Proposals may also develop methodologies to analyze science, technology and innovation data, and to usefully convey that information to a variety of audiences. Proposals that create and improve science, engineering and innovation data, including the design of new metrics and indicators, **particularly proposals that demonstrate the viability of collecting and analyzing data on knowledge generation and innovation in organizations, are encouraged**. The SciSIP program **also funds** conferences and interdisciplinary research activities that strengthen research topic ideation and dissemination among the social and behavioral sciences, policy community and the larger scientific community. Upcoming target dates for submission are **September 9, 2016 and February 9, 2017**. Funding ranges for **\$30K to \$500K**. Application and submission guidelines can be found [here](#).



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U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) - Labor Research and Evaluation (LRE) grants analyze a topic that has direct implications for DOL programs, the labor force and the American worker. Grant funding ranges between **\$100 - \$250K** and the proposal deadline is **October 3, 2016**. Application and submission guidelines for LRE grants can be found [here](#). Examples of potential projects for the LRE grants include:

Studies on targeting resources to achieve best results: Evaluating the effects of targeting systems and enforcement in worker protection agencies (e.g., OSHA, Wage and Hour, MSHA, Employee Health and Pension, Federal Contract Compliance).

Studies on the changing industry structure and the nature of work and implications for programs: Analysis of the extent and effect of non-compliance with

Fair Labor Standards Act and employer practices in the fissured workplace and emerging issues of the “on-demand” economy.

Studies on cross-program interactions and effects: Analysis of the association between and among programs—e.g., between workers’ compensation programs and OSHA programs; workers’ compensation and social security programs; OSHA and Wage and Hour programs.

Studies on workers: Analysis of the effect of health and safety agency (e.g., OSHA, MSHA) programs or policies on outcomes for workers, employers and society.

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TIAA Institute - TIAA Institute grants help identify real-world solutions to pressing issues related to lifetime financial security, organizational success and the business of higher education. Rolling submissions are accepted throughout the year and application guidelines can be found [here](#) and [here](#). The institute has a strong interest in the following topic areas:

- Defined Contribution Plan Design (e.g. retirement outcomes and fiduciary accountability)
- Financial Literacy (e.g., the role of education, guidance and advice)
- Behavioral Finance – (e.g., next generation of plan defaults and other retirement nudges)
- Employer Health Benefits (e.g., the ACA’s impact on workers, retirees and plan sponsors)
- Investing in an Educated Workforce (e.g., the role of tuition financing)
- Financial Sustainability (e.g., endowment management)
- Organizational Effectiveness (e.g., academic workforce trends and issues)



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External Funding Opportunity

Marketing Science Institute (MSI) - MSI supports research with the potential for application by managers as well as more basic or exploratory work. Studies may be conceptual or empirical and may involve literature reviews, comparative studies, field or laboratory experiments, model building, or theory development. Cross-disciplinary work building on theories, research results, and methods from disciplines of relevance to marketing is encouraged. Grant awards range from **\$3,000 - \$20,000**. (Requests for larger sums may sometimes be funded, typically with additional financial support from corporations.) MSI accepts both full research proposals and pre-proposals. MSI

operates on a monthly review cycle, and **proposals may be submitted at any time.** Application guidelines can be found [here](#). 2016 -2018 Research priorities can be found [here](#).

NSF Funding Opportunity

Science of Organization (SoO) - SoO program funds basic research that yields a scientific evidence base for improving the design and emergence, development and deployment, and management and ultimate effectiveness of organizations of all kinds. SoO funds research that advances our fundamental understanding of how organizations develop, form and operate. Successful SoO research proposals use scientific methods to develop and refine theories, to empirically test theories and frameworks, and to develop new measures and methods. Funded research is aimed at yielding generalizable insights that are of value to the business practitioner, policy-maker and research communities. Funding ranges between **\$100 - \$350K**. The proposal deadline is **February 2, 2017**. Application guidelines can be found [here](#).



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New Automated RSRP Credit with Qualtrics - You can now configure your Qualtrics surveys so that participants receive credit in the RSRP system immediately after finishing the survey. Instructions for automating credits with Qualtrics surveys can be downloaded [here](#). Instructions are also posted on the Research page of the Rawls College website.

Expansion of Faculty External Awards Program - The number of external awards for which the university will provide incentives to faculty has been expanded. Some highly prestigious awards carry cash incentives (\$5,000 - \$25,000). For complete information please read the VPR's memo [here](#) and review the Faculty Awards page [here](#).

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External Funding Opportunity

Department of Labor (DOL) – DOL Research and Evaluation Grants (LRE). Grants awards range from **\$100,000 to \$250,000** per grantee over a two-year period. Suggested topic areas for an LRE grant that are of priority interest to DOL include but are not limited to: • *Employee Benefits Security*, • *Miners' Safety and Health*, • *Wage and Hour and Labor Standards*, • *Worker and Workplace Safety and Health*, • *Workers' Compensation*, • *Labor/Management Relations*, • *International Topics in Worker Protection including child and forced labor issues*, • *Improving Equal Employment Opportunities for Targeted Populations*, • *Innovative approaches to evaluating the impact of DOL worker protection programs and policies using existing administrative or other data*, and • *Low-cost randomized controlled trials or natural experiments to evaluate the impact of DOL programs*. Depending on the nature of the research, LRE applicants may propose a 12-, 18- or 24- month period of performance. The proposal deadline is **November 4, 2016**. Application and submission guidelines can be found [here](#).

Fulbright Opportunity

Fulbright Specialist Program (FSP) - FSP promotes linkages between U.S. scholars and professionals and their counterparts at host institutions overseas. The program awards grants to qualified U.S. faculty, in select disciplines (including Business Administration), to engage in **short-term collaborative two- to six-week projects** at eligible institutions in over 140 countries worldwide. Awards cover international travel costs and a per day grant payment. Participating host institutions cover grantee in-country expenses or provide in-kind services. Eligible activities include short-term lecturing, conducting seminars, teacher training, assessments and evaluations, special conferences or workshops, as well as collaborating on faculty development and curriculum or institutional planning. **Applications are on a rolling roster.** Program highlights and eligibility requirements can be found [here](#).