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- **Rawls Student Research Program (RSRP):** The RSRP is a student subject pool for use of faculty, graduate students, and advanced undergraduate students who are conducting research. The purpose of the subject pool is to provide a ready supply of subjects for these researchers. The RSPR has an assigned graduate student who acts as administrator (GSA) and is supervised by Shannon Rinaldo, Assistant Professor of Marketing. In the first week of each semester the GSA visits each class to explain the program to the students in the designated introductory courses, with handouts and detailed information.

  Rawls College faculty and graduate students conducting research apply each semester for use of the student research pool. Priority use is reserved for dissertations. Secondary priority is reserved for Ph.D. research and Assistant Professors. Online software created by Sona Systems organizes the process. Studies up to 30 minutes are worth one (1) credit, one hour worth two (2) credits, etc.

- **Export Control Compliance:** Under university policy, Principal Investigators have responsibility to determine whether their research is affected by export controls, and under the law individuals, as well as institutions, can incur severe penalties. Commercially available computers and standard software are not restricted for most countries, but specialized software and computer equipment can be subject to export controls. Amy Cook (amy.cokk@ttu.edu) is the contact for Export Control issues/concerns.

- **Cayuse Update:** The Cayuse system tracks research proposals and award activity, provides for streamlined-internal routing and approval of proposals, facilitates submission to sponsor systems, and stores proposal and award documents. Phase 2 of system implementation began around 11/1 and will begin all proposal submissions through Cayuse. Future phases will include integration with Banner and other modules (IRB, etc.). The Office of Research Services has training and Q&A sessions scheduled and will provide small group training on request, if needed.

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- **Transdisciplinary Research Academy:** The Offices of the President and Vice President for Research welcome applications for the 2014 Texas Tech University Transdisciplinary Research Academy (TTUTRA) [www.transdisciplinaryacademy.ttu.edu](http://www.transdisciplinaryacademy.ttu.edu). The vision of the TTUTRA is to develop and sustain interdisciplinary interactions and partnerships (convergence), with the goals of forwarding the research and education missions of the university while enriching the global public understanding of the sciences, engineering, arts and humanities. Nominations for TTUTRA cohorts should be routed through the respective college deans and sent to proposals.vpr@ttu.edu, by
November 27, 2013. The TTUTRA application can be found at: http://www.depts.ttu.edu/vpr/transdisciplinary/apply.php.

- **Junior Faculty Enhancement Awards** The Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Awards provide seed money for research by junior faculty at Oak Ridge Associated Universities member institutions (ORAU). These awards are intended to enrich the research and professional growth of young faculty and result in new funding opportunities. The deadline for the 2014-15 Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Awards program is Jan. 10, 2014. Application and instructions can found at: ORAU: Ralph E. Powe Jr. Faculty Enhancement Awards

- **Departmental Excellence in Teaching Award**: The TTU Teaching Academy Departmental Excellence in Teaching Award is presented in recognition of a department or comparable academic unit that has made unique and significant contributions to the teaching mission of the University and has esprit de corps in its dedication to the education of students at the undergraduate, graduate, and/or professional level. The Award, given as merited, carries a $25,000 prize, to be used for the enhancement of teaching in any way the department determines. The general criterion for the Award is the existence of a “teaching culture,” which reflects commitment to students, makes teaching a high departmental priority, and facilitates teaching excellence throughout the department. Application and instructions can be found at: http://www.academy.ttu.edu/awards.asp and applications due to the Provost Office on February 3, 2014.

- **ORAU Travel Grants Program allows** faculty members from an ORAU Sponsoring or Associate Institution or Branch Campus can request up to $800 to facilitate travel by a faculty member.

AND

- **ORAU Events Sponsorship Program** allows up to $4,000 can be requested to support events which involve participants from more than one ORAU institution. Two Calls for Proposals will be issued each year. Typical events might include visits to an ORAU institution by a renowned speaker, conferences or workshops with a focused theme, or a technology transfer/business plan competition.

  - Criteria for decisions to award travel grants and Events sponsorship include: Potential engagement of others, especially students, probability of a long-term collaboration, new collaboration (proposed partners have no strong current ties), and well-defined outcome(s), such as a proposal to an identified opportunity, a white paper in anticipation of future funding, or a publication as a result of data collected during the visit. Application and instructions for the Travel Grants Program can be found at: http://www.depts.ttu.edu/vpr/award-ops/downloads/ORAU-Travel-Grants-Program-2013.pdf Applications and instructions for the Events Sponsorship Program can be found at: http://www.depts.ttu.edu/vpr/award-ops/downloads/ORAU-EventsSponsorshipProgram2013.pdf
Events

A Research Funding and Grant Opportunities Workshop will be offered on December 3, 2013 from 10:30 am – 11:30am in Room E372. This workshop will present the services offered by the Office of Grants and Outreach to assist researchers in developing grant proposals and matching research interests to funding opportunities. Please rsvp to archie.pitsilides@ttu.edu.

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Faculty Fellow Opportunity: As Texas Tech University aggressively moves toward achieving the characteristics of a great national public research university, there is an outstanding opportunity to promote faculty mentoring and excellence in scholarship as a Faculty Fellow for Faculty Development in the Office of the Vice President for Research. The target date to fill two open Faculty Fellow positions is March 31, 2014. Each position will be offered for three years at a 25% administrative appointment, subject to annual evaluation. See the full announcement and description here.

Cayuse SP Update: Cayuse SP has been fully implemented university-wide and allows PI’s to create, submit, and manage funded research proposals. The Cayuse SP system provides for streamlined-internal routing and approval of proposals, tracks research proposals and award activity, facilitates submission to sponsor systems, and stores proposal and award documents. Future phases will include integration with Banner and other modules (IRB, etc.). The Office of Research Services has training and Q&A sessions scheduled and will provide small group training on request, if needed. See the training schedule here.

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The Kessler Foundation – National Employment Survey: Kessler Foundation is seeking proposals from qualified public or non-profit teams experienced in survey research and design to conduct a comprehensive survey on the employment status of working age persons (18-64) with disabilities. The project is expected to begin on or about June 1, 2014 and must be completed by April 30, 2015. The objective of this nationally representative survey is to inform the general public, disability advocates, business community, government, funders and others on the status of employment for individuals with disabilities. This information can be used for research, employment recruitment and hiring, policy development and grantmaking. Candidates are expected to design the survey instrument, sampling and data collection methodologies, select or acquire survey samples, collect, process and analyze data, and prepare a written report of survey results. Organizations may apply for a one-year grant up to $500,000. The application deadline is March 3, 2014. See the RFP here.

Coalition for Evidence-Based Policy - Low-Cost Randomized Controlled Trials: The Coalition for Evidence-Based Policy is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization whose mission is to increase government effectiveness through the use of rigorous evidence about “what works.” in U.S. social spending. CEPB, has announced a grant competition for low-cost randomized controlled trials designed to build valid, actionable evidence about effective social spending in the United States. Grants of up to $100,000 each will be awarded to three RCTs. Applicants will be notified on or before March 21, 2014, whether they are invited to submit a full proposal, which will be due April 30, 2014. Letter of interest due February 14, 2014. See the Application Package here or here.
• **Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation - Data-Driven Discovery Initiative:** The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation is inviting pre-applications for data-driven research projects through its *Data-Driven Discovery Initiative*, which seeks to advance the practice of data-intensive science and take advantage of the increasing volume, velocity, and variety of scientific data available to spur new discoveries. The foundation expects to award about fifteen five-year grants of up to **$1.5 million** each. Pre-applications are due Monday, February 24, 2014 by 5 pm Pacific Time. See the RFP [here](#).

• **The Spencer Foundation – The New Civics:** Through its New Civics initiative, the foundation is accepting research proposals that ask critical questions about how education can more effectively contribute to the civic development of young people. What kinds of environments, pedagogies, curricula, and relationships are especially conducive to civic learning and to developing civic motivations and commitments? Research grant awards range from **$40,000 to $350,000**, typically extending over periods of one to four years. For grant requests of up to $50,000, proposals must be received no later than February 6, 2014. For projects that require a higher level of funding (up to $350,000), the deadline for preliminary proposals is April 29, 2014. See the RFP [here](#).

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- **Rawls Competitive Summer and Cross-Disciplinary Research Grants:** Proposals are due on March 24, 2014. Submissions should be sent to committee chair Shelby Hunt at Shelby.hunt@ttu.edu. Submissions are limited to four pages in total length with the following sections to be addressed: 1. Literature review and research question, 2. Data and methods, 3. Contribution (contribution to the literature and to your research agenda), 4. References.

- **Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA Foundation):** 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. Priority will be given to projects that use data from the National Financial Capability Study (www.usfinancialcapability.org) and other existing data sets. The FINRA Foundation accepts Project Concept Forms at any time during the year. Application and submission guidelines can be found here.

- **Equipment Leasing and Finance Foundation (ELFF):** Research grants from $15,000 to $50,000 are available to encourage industry consultants and academics in all fields of scholarship to study topics of interest to the equipment finance industry. Research interests of ELFF include, but are not limited to: bundling, energy, fraud, funding, government financing, liquidity, mid-market and transparency. The Foundation is accepting proposals monthly by the 1st of each month. Application and submission guidelines can be found here.

- **The IBM Center for The Business of Government:** Research stipends of $20,000 per project report that uses rigorous public management research and analytic techniques to help public sector executives and managers improve the effectiveness of government. The next application deadline is April 1, 2014. Application and submission guidelines can be found here.

- **National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA):** NASBA will fund and award grants totaling up to $25,000 for one-year research projects. Research interests of NASBA include, but are not limited to: characteristics of successful CPA exam candidates, variables in accounting programs that impact CPA exam performance, impact of work/internship experience on the success of CPA exam candidates, effectiveness of non-traditional delivery models, increase in accrediting bodies and their impact on the quality of accounting education, and international education equivalency.
The deadline for submission is April 7, 2014. Application and submission guidelines can be found here.

- **Russell Sage Foundation**: The Russell Sage Foundation currently provides support to scholars to pursue research projects that advance the Foundation’s objectives in five main research areas: the Future of Work, Immigration, Cultural Contact, Social Inequality, and Behavioral Economics. Research grants from $15,000 to $200,000 are available. Letters of Intent are due by June 1, 2014. Application and submission guidelines can be found here.

- **International Institute of Forecasters (IIF)**: IIF, in collaboration with SAS®, is proud to announce financial support for research on how to improve forecasting methods and business forecasting practice. The award for this year will be (2) two $5,000 grants. The application deadline for the grant year 2014-2015 is September 30, 2014. Application and submission guidelines can be found here.

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- **NSF UPDATE: Significant Changes to Grant Proposal Guide, effective 2-24-2014**: The National Science Foundation recently published an updated Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures (PAPP) Guide. The new guidance contains significant changes and clarifications to the Grant Proposal Guide (GPG). The changes will be effective for proposals submitted on or after Feb. 24, 2014. The full text of the PAPP Guide can be found here: a complete list of the changes and clarifications can be found here.

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Marketing Science Institute: The Alden G. Clayton competition recognizes the best doctoral dissertation proposals on important marketing subjects. Each year, MSI grants up to five awards of $5,000 each for the best proposals. Honorable mention awards may also be granted. All recipients are given the opportunity to develop their research under the aegis of MSI. The deadline for submission is August 12, 2014. Application and submission guidelines can be found here.

The International Foundation for Research in Experimental Economics (IFREE): The IFREE Small Grants Program provides funding of up to $10,000 to support research and education in experimental economics and the application of experimental economic methodology to important public policy questions. The deadline for submission is August 15, 2014. Application and submission guidelines can be found here.

National Science Foundation – Service Enterprise Systems: The SES program supports research on decision making related to design, planning, and operation of commercial, nonprofit, and institutional service enterprises with the goal of improving their overall effectiveness and cost reduction. Topics of interest include healthcare operations and medical decision making; policies and incentives in healthcare, energy, and other public service institutions; financial engineering and risk management; transportation and humanitarian logistics; and national security. Awards range from $150,000 to $350,000. The proposal window for this solicitation is September 1 – October 1, 2014. Application and submission guidelines can be found here.

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help public sector executives and managers improve the effectiveness of government. Proposal solicitations that result in reports that have sound research, insightful findings, and actionable recommendations for government leaders and public managers in the following areas of interest: Fostering Innovation and Transformation, Aligning Mission Support with Mission Delivery, Developing Cost Savings Strategies That Improve Efficiency and Effectiveness, Making the Best Use of Performance and Results Management, Managing Risk in a Rapidly Changing World, Developing New Models of Public Leadership Within and Across Agencies. Stipends of $20,000 are available for each report. The proposal deadline is October 1, 2014. Application and submission guidelines can be found here.

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**US Department of Treasury – Office of Financial Research:** The OFR is partnering with the National Science Foundation (NSF) to promote and support research related to financial stability. Topics of interest include analysis of financial networks, methods for measuring threats to financial stability, standardization of financial data, interconnections in the financial system, financial risk management techniques, data security, secure data sharing, and other subjects. These grants fund novel research projects up to $300,000 with project durations of up to two years. Dear Colleague Letters are accepted at any time during the year. Application and submission guidelines can be found here.

**Institute of Management Accountants (IMA):** The IMA Foundation encourages submission of innovative research proposals in the area of accounting and finance by both academics and practitioners. The proposals should clearly communicate the purpose and scope of the proposed research project and how it relates to primary management accounting activities such as decision support, planning, and control. There are no submission deadlines for this grant proposal and requested funds should align with the breadth and depth of the project. Application guidelines can be found here.

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2014 APLU Commission on Innovation, Competitiveness and Economic Prosperity Program: Texas Tech has committed to participate in the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities (APLU) 2014 Commission on Innovation, Competitiveness, and Economic Prosperity (CICEP) Innovation and Economic Prosperity Universities Designation Process. CICEP was created to help leaders of APLU member universities plan, assess and communicate their institutions' work in local and regional economic development. CICEP has become central to APLU’s efforts to connect its university members to their regions and states, and to help them play a major role in fostering economic recovery and growth through innovation and entrepreneurship. For additional information or to contribute to the project, please contact Sally Post at sally.post@ttu.edu or Kay Tindle at kay.tindle@ttu.edu.

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The Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program: The Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program offers more than 160 teaching, research, or teaching and research opportunities in the fields of Business Administration and Economics available at several career levels for American faculty and professionals throughout East Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Middle East and North Africa, South and Central Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, and the Western Hemisphere.

Award amounts vary depending on locality, duration and the scope of the teaching/research project. Funding may include travel support, monthly stipend, housing allowance, and other award allowances.

The deadline for submission is August 1, 2014.

You can search the complete catalogue of upcoming awards here.

The following awards are just a sample of the Business Administration and Economics opportunities available worldwide:

Fulbright-Kathryn and Craig Hall Distinguished Chair for Entrepreneurship in Central Europe at WU (Vienna University of Economics and Business)

A flexible combination of teaching and research at the Institute for Entrepreneurship and Innovation at the Vienna University of Economics and Business, this award is designed to address a broad spectrum of issues related to entrepreneurship, including entrepreneurial strategies, the importance of governments or other public institutions in facilitating individual initiative and economic and social entrepreneurship. Application and submission guidelines can be found here.

Fulbright-Carlos Rico Award for North American Studies

The intent of this award is to enhance collaboration among a community of scholars working on issues of relevance to the special trilateral relationship among the United States, Mexico and Canada, created by shared borders and accelerated by the North American Free Trade Agreement. Grantees may teach, engage in collaborative research or combine both activities in grantee's area of specialization. Activities may also include consulting on curriculum, program and faculty development and conducting seminars and workshops. Projects across a
broad range of disciplines, as well as those with an interdisciplinary focus are welcomed; proposals should reflect topics which would benefit from a trilateral perspective and clearly demonstrate a need to spend time in both Mexico and Canada. Application and submission guidelines can be found here.

The Global Association of Risk Professionals (GARP): GARP is pleased to announce the 5th GARP Risk Management Research Program. Projects will be selected for funding in 2014 by a Research Committee of risk management practitioners, academicians and researchers chaired by Professor René Stulz of The Ohio State University. The Research Committee seeks to provide funding for projects offering unique approaches and insights into problems of significance to risk management professionals, projects of particular relevance to current global financial risk management issues and needs, and projects with significant potential for bridging the gap between theory and practice. Awards are $15,000 per project. The deadline for submission is July 31, 2014. Application and submission guidelines can be found here.

Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM): The SHRM Foundation funds high impact HR research, aimed at an academic audience while also having direct actionable implications for HR practice, whether the focus is on addressing current challenges or understanding emerging trends. Any topic will be considered, however the grant must be for original rigorous empirical academic research that advances the HR profession. Awards range from $50,000- $200,000. The deadline for submission is October 1, 2014. Application and submission guidelines can be found here.

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CISCO - Internet Economic Models and Policy Impact: Research at CISCO is soliciting research proposals that address economic aspects of the Internet and their policy implications. Formal economic methods can be used to explain technology deployment and usage behaviors on the Internet. Research in this area should address, through qualitative and quantitative analysis, economic models, technical advances, and macro- and micro-economic circumstances that impact the adoption of new technology and the retiring of functions that are no longer appropriate. Current areas of interest include: Economics of IPv6 and IPv4 Addressing, New Economics for Internet Service Providers (including net neutrality concerns), Economics of Cloud Computing and Virtualization, Economics of Information Security. Awards range from $50,000 - $100,000. The deadline for submissions is the Friday of the first week of each calendar quarter (the months of January, April, July, and October). Application and submission guidelines can be found here.

Investment Management Consultants Association (IMCA): The Journal of Investment Consulting provides research grants on topics that examine recent research in topics relevant to investment consulting and private wealth management. Research proposals are invited from qualified practitioners and academics on the following topics: alternative investments, asset allocation, 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, and wealth management. These grants fund novel research projects up to $7,500. Proposals are accepted at any time during the year. Application and submission guidelines can be found here.
**CME Group Foundation:** In furtherance of its mission, CME Group Foundation will award grants for the purpose of funding academic research about derivative exchange market structure issues, the use of futures and options for hedging and for portfolio management and derivative market depth and liquidity.

**Priority 1:** CME Group Foundation believes that undergraduate and graduate students preparing for careers in financial services industries need a deep understanding of the futures and derivatives field and its uses in risk management. Grants will be made to universities that demonstrate an up-to-date curriculum and course sequence in this area taken by students with finance-related majors and the ability to track these students’ job placements.

**Priority 2:** CME Group Foundation is interested in encouraging academic research on exchange-traded derivatives and central clearing house policy issues. In addition to grant support to the principal investigator, Foundation approved research projects are potentially eligible for free or discounted CME Group data related to the research, depending on resource and data availability.

These grants fund novel research projects up to $25,000 with project durations of up to two years. Proposals are accepted at any time during the year. Application and submission guidelines can be found [here](#).

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