1. New College Science Prize
The Science prize for Inquiry-Based Instruction to highlight outstanding modules for teaching introductory college science has been established. It should require 8-50 hours of student effort. If you are nominating your own module, please use the application form. Applications are due by 15 April, 2011. If you are nominating someone else's module, please use the external nomination form. Science will then send the application form to the person you nominate. External nominations are due by 28 February, 2011. http://scim.ag/inquiryprize

2. National Science Foundation Dear Colleague letter request (NSF 11-022)
Science Engineering, Education and Sustainability (SEES) is expected to be a 5-year effort, extending through FY15. SEES research investments in FY11 are expected to include a broad array of research in the area of sustainable energy, such as: novel energy storage schemas; ecosystem impacts of energy technologies; improving the efficiency and yield of established sustainable energy systems, e.g. wind, solar; and the discovery and development of novel energy sources, e.g. biofuels, ocean/kinetic power. Energy-intelligent computational performance in computer and network systems, the use of information technology in smart sensing systems that have promise to save energy, and energy efficiency in manufacturing and materials will also be important emphases. Please contact the OVPR if you would like more information. http://www.nsf.gov/geo/sees/

3. Basic Research to Enable Agricultural Development (BREAD) Program
NSF announces a Wiki to facilitate communication among potential international partners for new collaborative projects for the Basic Research to Enable Agricultural Development (BREAD) Program, which will be competed again in FY 2012. (In our workshops and seminars, we frequently discuss the importance of preparing in advance for funding opportunities and becoming part of the community of researchers and program officers around a particular opportunity or program. This is a great example of the kind of advance work that can give you the background knowledge to prepare a more competitive proposal.)

4. House passes America COMPETES reauthorization and is signed into law
This bill reauthorizes the NSF, NIST and research programs in the Energy Department’s Office of Science. An interagency STEM education coordination committee will also be established.

5. TTU-TTUHSC System Cancer Symposium
Cancer researchers from the Lubbock, El Paso, Abilene and Amarillo campuses will share their research and plan for the future at an annual cancer research symposium to be held and hosted by the TTUHSC in Amarillo from April 29-31, 2011. Nobel laureate Dr. Al Gilman will present the keynote address.

6. NSF Major Research Instrumentation grants
Three proposals from TTU will be submitted to the NSF for this limited submission opportunity. The three proposals are from the Departments of Industrial Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering.

7. NSF Day Texas State University
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