1. **Harry Ransom Center—Research Fellowships in the Humanities**  
   **Deadline February 1, 2012**  
   Fellowships are to support projects that require substantial on-site use of collections at the Harry Ransom Center (library and museum) at UT Austin. Fellowships up to 3 months at $3000/mo; Travel stipends $1,200; Dissertation fellowships $1,500.  
   [www.hrc.utexas.edu/fellowships](http://www.hrc.utexas.edu/fellowships)

2. **Nomination Period Open for Kavli Prizes in Astrophysics, Nanoscience, and Neuroscience**  
   The Kavli Prizes are designed to recognize scientists whose discoveries have dramatically expanded human understanding in the fields of astrophysics, nanoscience, and neuroscience. Consisting of a scroll, medal, and cash award of $1 million, a prize in each of these areas has been awarded biennially since 2008.

   The prizes represent a partnership of the [Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters](http://www.nagla.no), the [Kavli Foundation](http://www.kavifoundation.org), and the [Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research](http://www.uio.no/stk/forskering/).  
   **Deadline: December 1, 2011**  

3. **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Grant Opportunities**  
   The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is now accepting grant proposals for Round 8 of Grand Challenges Explorations, an initiative to encourage innovative and unconventional global health and development solutions. Applicants can be at any experience level; in any discipline; and from any organization, including colleges and universities, government laboratories, research institutions, non-profit organizations and for profit companies.

   Grant proposals are being accepted online until **November 17, 2011** on the following topics:
   --Protect Crop Plants from Biotic Stresses From Field to Market
   --Design new approaches to optimize immunization systems
   - Explore New Solutions in Global Health Priority Areas
   --Explore Nutrition for Healthy Growth of Infants and Children
   --Apply Synthetic Biology to Global Health Challenges
   Initial grants will be US $100,000 each, and projects showing promise will have the opportunity to receive additional funding of up to US $1 million. Full descriptions of the new topics and application instructions are available at: [www.grandchallenges.org/r8_gce](http://www.grandchallenges.org/r8_gce)

4. **Oakridge University Partnerships Office ORAU/ORNL High Performance Computing Grant Program – Call for Proposals**  
   This is a LIMITED SUBMISSION Only one faculty proposal per institution will be considered. Please notify Michael San Francisco by **October 10** if you are interested. This program provides ORAU member institutions with a potential of $75K in funding (over three years) for research using ORNL’s supercomputing resources in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Please share this preliminary call for proposals with interested faculty at your institution.  
   **Proposal deadline October 31, 2011**

5. **Registration for the 67th Annual Meeting of the ORAU Council of Sponsoring Institutions**  
   [http://www.orau.org/council/default.html](http://www.orau.org/council/default.html)  
   The topic, *Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM): Making a Difference by Changing the Focus of the Conversation*, has generated significant interest. The meeting will be held **March 14-15, 2012** in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.  
   **Registration deadline: Friday, February 24, 2012**
6. NSF Regional Grants Conference, October 17 – 18, 2011, Austin, Texas
The first National Science Foundation Regional Grants Conference of fiscal year 2012, will be hosted by The University of Texas at Austin on October 17-18, 2011. Key officials representing each NSF program directorate, administrative office, the NSF Office of International Science & Engineering, Office of General Counsel, and Office of the Inspector General will participate in this two-day conference. The conference is considered a must, particularly for new faculty, researchers, educators and administrators who want to gain insight into a wide range of important and timely issues at NSF including: the state of current funding; the proposal and award process; and current and recently updated policies and procedures.

7. The Science, Mathematics, And Research for Transformation (SMART) scholarship—A SMART scholarship fully funds undergraduate and graduate degrees in a wide range of technical areas, including all fields of engineering, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Brain and Cognitive Sciences, and Mathematics.

A SMART brochure and a poster are attached and the application web page is at www.asee.org/SMART. The application deadline is December 1, 2011 for the 2012 school year. SMART provides:

- Full Tuition – to any accredited U.S. University
- A very generous stipend while in school $25,000 for undergraduates $33,000 for masters candidates $36,300 to $41,800 for doctoral candidates
- Book allowance – $1,000
- Health Insurance; Paid Summer internships; All required student fees; Travel for internships

Summer internships at Labs are required. In return for fully funding their education, students are required work as a civilian employee at a Service (Army, Navy, Air Force) or DoD Agency (NSA, DIA, DARPA, etc.) laboratory, or other research and development activity for a period equal to the time the program paid for their school. Students must be U.S. Citizens, able to obtain a DoD Security Clearance, and be willing to work as a civilian in the DoD upon graduation.

There will be approximately 300 new awards this year. A list of SMART awards from previous years is listed by University at http://smart.asee.org/schools/scholar_directory. Please direct your interested students to: www.asee.org/SOAR.