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PSC-CUNY Grants Information Session, Fall 2010

Presented by Junior Faculty Research Roundtable (JFRR) and LACUNY Professional Development Committee

Friday, December 17

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Present: Stefanie Havelka, Mariana Regalado, Sandy Marcus, James Watson, Amrita Dhawan, Kimberley Bugg, Tess Tobin, Michael Handis, Zuwant Shen, Madeline Coehn, Carlos Arguelles, Bronwen Densmore, Amy Ballmer, Cynthia Tobar, Susan Thomas, and guests

Introduction by Cynthia Tobar. Guest speakers Richard Markgraf, Research Foundation Project Administrator for PSC-CUNY Research Award Program; Professor Sergei N. Artemov, Distinguished Professor of Computer Science, Mathematics, and Philosophy at the Graduate Center and Chair, PSC-CUNY Computer Science/Library panel; and Jin Ma, Assistant Professor, Catalog/Metadata librarian at Baruch.

Richard Markgraf:

Provided detailed information about the PSC-CUNY pilot grant program, which will run for 3 years--cycles 42-44.

New deadline January 28, but check with local grants officers for local deadlines.

Information will be posted on the Research Foundation website:

<http://www.rfcuny.org/rfwebsite/research/content.aspx?catID=1190>

Grant cycle is April 15, 2011-May 15, 2012.

Types of Grants:

Traditional A (1K-3500K), no release time; expect majority of awards to be these

Traditional B (3600K-6K), funding for release time possible

Enhanced award, new category, 6500K-12K. Only 40 Enhanced awards will be made.

Significant Changes:

Out of cycle grants no longer available.

Grants are all or nothing, no modified awards

Reviews available ONLY for Enhanced Awards (major change)

No potential outside reviewers may be provided by applicants

Enhanced application committee members MAY recruit an outside reviewer (not provided by applicant)

Tenured faculty are restricted to 2 awards (only 1 Enhanced) during pilot program.

Enhanced award applications reviewed by University Committee on Research Awards (UCRA).

Suggestions:

Do not "pad" grant application

Raise objections or make comments about this Pilot PSC-CUNY grant program to Professor Artemov, Chair of the Computer Science/Library panel.

Q & A followed:

There was discussion about local deadlines and future grant cycles. Additional information as well as application should be published on Research Foundation website soon.

Sergei Artemov:

Artemov will select 5 or more panelists and stated that he would probably recruit 1 or 2 librarians, based on last year's winning applications (40 computer science and 13 librarian awards, a roughly 3-1 ratio).

Professor Artemov suggested that CUNY librarians directly email him names of recommended librarian panelists: sartemov@gc.cuny.edu

Before submitting a name, make sure librarian wants to participate. Panelists ARE eligible to apply (recuse themselves).

Enhanced award decisions ultimately made by "super panel" (UCRA).

Q & A followed:

Artemov said librarians need not worry about disproportionate computer science representation on panel; librarians will be fairly evaluated but librarians may apply to other panels, as in past. Entire panel will vote for every award (not just librarian panelists voting for library applications). There will be an automatic 6-month extension on research results if needed. Beyond that, permission must be obtained.

Jin Ma:

Professor Ma made a Powerpoint presentation of her research results and provided tips for applying for PSC-CUNY award.

She talked about her research "User Tagging versus Traditional Indexing: An Examination of Tagging Practices for Scholarly Articles."

Her research questions were about vocabulary growth and differentiation of tags (folksonomy) from traditional library classifications/vocabulary.

PSC-CUNY grant funded a laptop for processing large volume of data and a research assistant to write computer programs and to process data using statistical tools.

Q & A:

PSC-CUNY grant will pay ONLY for conference registration, not travel, accomodations, or food.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan E. Thomas, Co-Chair, LACUNY Professional Development Committee