

GRANTS NEWSLETTER

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT: 2015-16 Presidential Grant Fellows Announced

Kingsborough Community College has as a priority encouraging faculty research and student support program development through grant funding. To meet this goal, the college launched a new program designed to encourage the submission of competitive grant proposals in all academic and student support departments. The **Presidential Grant Fellows Program** will provide training, one-on-one guidance, and monetary support to selected faculty and staff members. The two fellows chosen for 2015 are Homar Barcena, Assistant Professor, Department of Physical Sciences, and Tracy Steffy, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Philosophy, Political Science, and Criminal Justice.

Homar Barcena, Associate Professor, Department of Physical Sciences

Professor Barcena is seeking funding to support his Green Chemistry initiatives, specifically to engage students in chemistry research. His overall aim is “to recruit and retain students in STEM by providing access to research in chemistry that has a palpable impact (on) the community.” Specifically, Professor Barcena will engage students in developing laboratory experiments for use in General and Organic Chemistry courses that use more benign chemicals. This approach introduces students to important chemical principles while using reagents that are sustainable and have less

environmental impact. The goal is to increase the repertoire of experiments appropriate for use in community college chemistry labs, many of which lack the full complement of safety equipment (including hoods) that are necessary when using hazardous organic chemicals and solvents.

Tracy Steffy, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Philosophy, Political Science, and Criminal Justice

Professor Steffy is proposing a program to recruit and support students who were formerly incarcerated. She will develop and seek funding to support a program that will not only encourage students with felony convictions to enter college, but provide them with guidance and academic counseling to support retention and graduation. She envisions a program that supports students from recruitment through graduation and employment or transfer. During her fellowship, she will develop relationships to support proposal development and reach out to funders.

“This year’s fellows are pursuing projects that further the strategic goals of the college,” said Kingsborough President Farley Herzek. “I wish both Professor Barcena and Professor Steffy good luck in their pursuit of external support!”

CURRENT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The following are brief synopses of upcoming funding deadlines. Please be sure to refer to the funder’s website for details regarding submission requirements and program goals.

Stonewall Community Foundation

2015 Quarter Share Grant Cycle

<https://stonewallfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/SQS-Cover-Page-and-RFP-7.6.156.pdf>

From the website: Coordinated by Stonewall Community Foundation, Quarter Share is a network of young donors who, through organized philanthropy and volunteer service, support LGBTQ causes throughout New York City. Each year, Quarter Share members award one or more grants to advance programming and services that directly

benefit LGBTQ people. This fall, one-year grants between \$7,500 and \$15,000 will be made to organizations or projects that center marginalized LGBTQ communities in their work. This grant cycle also aims to provide grant seekers greater agency in determining the use of grant funds, based on their individual and unique needs.

Grants may be awarded to non-LGBTQ organizations, provided that their current operating budget is under \$750,000 and that grant funds are

directed to a project or program exclusively or predominantly affecting LGBTQ people.

Due Date: August 14

Spencer Foundation

Midcareer Grant Program

<http://philanthropynewsdigest.org/rfps/rfp5688-spencer-foundation-seeks-applications-from-midcareer-scholars>

From the website: The Spencer Foundation is seeking applications from academic midcareer scholars for the second round of its Midcareer Grant Program.

The program provides support for scholars interested in advancing their understanding of a compelling problem of education by acquiring new skills, substantive knowledge, theoretical perspectives, or methodological tools. It is not intended to encourage researchers to abandon their existing area of expertise, but rather to build on, enrich, and extend that training with the acquisition of new methodological tools and/or perspectives about a subject to which they have been deeply committed throughout their academic career. This program is intended to provide support for a year-long program of study during which time the recipient will be released from teaching and from committee service and governance responsibilities on his or her home campus, or from other responsibilities as appropriate in other settings.

Up to five midcareer awards of up to \$150,000 will be awarded during the 2016-2017 academic years. To be eligible, applicants must be faculty members or research scholars who were awarded doctorates within the last seven to twenty years.

Due Date: September 10

National Science Foundation

NSF Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5257

From the website: The National Science Foundation Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics program addresses the need for a high quality STEM workforce in areas of national priorities. The program seeks to increase the success of low-income academically talented students with demonstrated financial need who are pursuing associate, baccalaureate, or graduate degrees in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

The Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics program provides awards to Institutions of Higher Education to fund scholarships, and to enhance and study effective curricular and co-curricular activities that support recruitment, retention, student success, and graduation in STEM. The program encourages collaborations among different types of partners: Partnerships among different types of institutions, collaborations of STEM faculty and educational and social science researchers, or partnerships among

institutions of higher education and business and industry.

The program seeks: 1) to increase the number of low-income academically talented students with demonstrated financial need obtaining degrees in STEM and entering the STEM workforce or graduate study; 2) improve the education of future scientists, engineers, and technicians, with a focus on academically talented low-income students; and 3) advance understanding of the factors or curricular and co-curricular activities affecting the success of low-income students.

Due Date: September 22

The Witter Bynner Foundation for Poetry Grants Program

<http://www.bynnerfoundation.org/>

From the website: Through a bequest from Witter Bynner in 1972, The Witter Bynner Foundation for Poetry perpetuates the art of poetry. The foundation promotes poetry in American culture and encourages grant proposals that expand awareness of the positive effects of poetry on society.

The Foundation's grant categories include:

- Individual Poets
- Translation and the Process of Translation
- Developing the Poetry Audience
- Uses of Poetry

Due Date: December 31

Not finding what you're looking for? Try using Pivot, a powerful online tool for finding funders and collaborators.

Visit <http://pivot.cos.com/> to sign up and start searching!

COS/Pivot has significant online training resources. After signing up for an account, click on the red "help" button on the upper-right hand side to access printed training materials, register for live open-access webinars, or watch videos about specific techniques on the Pivot/COS Youtube channel, and find help desk contact information.

CHS Foundation

Mini-Grants Program

<http://www.chsinc.com/stewardship/leadership-development>

From the website: The Foundation gives mini-grants to innovative academic and leadership programs that strengthen student learning and enhance professional development. Examples include: leadership training opportunities, mentorship programs, professional development experiences and student fundraising efforts. Regular and ongoing club expenses are ineligible.

The grant must be for a campus-sanctioned club/organization, with an agricultural-related focus. A club/organization may receive only one grant per year.

Due Date: Continuous

If you are interested in applying for a grant, please contact Kirstin Swanson, Director of Development or Kathryn Giaimo, Manager of Corporate and

Foundation Relations, to discuss your proposed project.

Hot Topics: Payment of CUNY Employees

In May 2015, RFCUNY issued a memo, *Guidance on Payments for CUNY Full-Time Faculty, Adjunct Faculty and Full-Time Non-Faculty Employees*, which outlines conditions under which and mechanisms by which the above-referenced employee categories may or may not be paid using grant funds. This memo provides detailed guidance on the types of support CUNY employees may receive from grants and the conditions under which this support may be given. This policy clarifies the approvals needed for various types of compensation that may be granted to CUNY employees. The full text of this memo is available on the RFCUNY website:

<https://rfcuny.org/RfWebsite/News/DetailNews.aspx?newsID=4588>.

The Office for College Advancement is compiling questions on this policy for submission to RFCUNY. Please contact Wanda Morales, Associate Director for Funds Management, or Kirstin Swanson, Director of Development, with your questions. Answers will be shared with the college community.

RECENT AWARDS

Babette Audant

Tourism & Hospitality

The Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City

\$133,863.25

Project Rise

Anna Becker

Performing Arts Center

New York City Department of Cultural Affairs

\$14,700

FY2015 Cultural Immigrant Initiative

Zuleika Clarke

Office of Student Advisement

Broadway Stages

\$15,000

Summer Math Initiative

Peter M. Cohen

Office of Student Services

The Carroll and Milton Petrie Foundation

\$100,181

Math Supplemental Instruction Center (SIC)

Hattie Elmore

Single Stop

Food Bank of New York City

\$9,750

Food for Thought Food Pantry

Thomas G. Friebe

Office of Enrollment Management

Food Bank of New York City

\$9,750

Food for Thought Food Pantry

Single Stop USA

\$39,000

Single Stop On Campus

Kathryn Giaimo

Office for College Advancement

Grainger

\$5,000

New Americans Center

Spectrum Industries

\$1,000

General Scholarship Fund

Thomas Greene

Physical Sciences

Mertz Gilmore Foundation

\$2,000

Oceanography Program

Wayne Harewood

Financial Aid

TD Charitable Foundation

\$5,000

Financial Literacy Program

Craig Hinkley

Biological Sciences

New York State Education Department

\$110,000

C-STEP 2015-2020

New York State Education Department

\$80,183

C-STEP FY2015

Kieren Howard

Physical Sciences

NASA

\$147,450

Modal mineralogy of carbonaceous chondrites (bulk & separates) by Position Sensitive Detector X-ray

Diffraction: Equipment

NASA

\$73,000

Modal mineralogy of carbonaceous chondrites (bulk & separates) by Position Sensitive Detector X-ray

Diffraction: low

Laura Kates

Education

New York State Education Department

\$9,342

Race to the Top

Daniel LaNoue

Office for College Advancement

Northfield Bank Foundation

\$20,000

Northfield Bank Scholarship

Southpole Foundation

\$14,000

Student Scholarships

Lavita McMath Turner
Office of Communications & Government
Relations
AT&T Foundation
 \$15,000
 Brooklyn Science Innovation Initiative

\$123,468
 Liberty Partnerships Program
New York State Education Department
 \$438,184
 Perkins

Brian Mitra
Office of Student Services
New York State Higher Education Services
Corporation
 \$21,903.33
 College Discovery Scholars

Thomas Smyth
Tourism & Hospitality
Societe Culinaire Philanthropique
 \$2,500
 Culinary Program for High School Students

Anna Rozenboym
Biological Sciences
New York State Education Department
 \$299,995
 STEP 2015-2020
New York State Education Department
 \$47,028
 STEP FY2015

Edgar Troudt
Tourism & Hospitality
AT&T Foundation
 \$15,000
 Brooklyn Science Innovation Initiative

Florence J. Schneider
Education
New York State Education Department
 \$9,342
 Race to the Top

Bridget Weeks
Department of Nursing
Health Resources and Services Administration
(HRSA)
 \$150,000
 Scholarships for Disadvantaged Nursing Students

Elizabeth Sergile
Instructional Services
New York State Education Department

Michael Weisenfeld
Office of the VP Student Services Dean of Students
The Carroll and Milton Petrie Foundation
 \$100,181
 Math Supplemental Instruction Center (SIC)

List reflects Grants and Payments reported to College Advancement as of 6/25/2015, including grants previously omitted. If you received a grant since the last Grants Newsletter that is not reflected here, please contact Kirstin Swanson so that it may be recorded and reported in the next newsletter.

Meet Anna & Sinead

In addition to celebrating the generosity of KCC's donors, the annual Seaside Splash is an opportunity to showcase some of the college's most accomplished student scholars. Among the ten featured student guests this year were Anna Makogon, a Liberal Arts major and recipient of the Northfield Bank Foundation Scholarship, and Sinead Weekes, an Engineering Science major and winner of the 2015 National Grid Scholarship and Internship. Both Anna and Sinead played prominent roles at the 10th Annual Seaside Splash, with Anna as the keynote speaker and Sinead as a featured student in a new scholarship video that will appear on the KCC website. They have also both greatly benefitted from scholarships that were funded through foundation grants.

Originally from Ukraine, Anna first came to America when she was only 15 years old. Her mother had just passed away, and she was coming to live in Brooklyn with a father she had never even met before. Looking back now, though, Anna does not regret her journey, because it ultimately led her to KCC, where she has grown from a shy, reluctant student to a leader on campus. Last Fall, however, Anna fell on hard times financially, and was unsure whether she would be able to continue to afford her studies at Kingsborough. Fortunately, Anna received a lifeline through the Northfield Bank Foundation Scholarship, which helped her to stay in school and continue to thrive in the Honors Program. This Fall, she will start a new chapter at Baruch College, but Anna will never forget the role that scholarships played in her success at KCC: "Not only did my Northfield Bank Foundation scholarship help me financially, but it also reinforced my confidence as a student."

Sinead discovered her career passion at an early age: "Even before I knew what an engineer was, I was fascinated by all of the concepts involved—whether it was math, science, or computers." At Kingsborough, Sinead has fully immersed herself in her coursework, and after a highly-competitive selection process, Sinead was selected as this year's winner of the National Grid Scholarship and Internship. Her internship will last for eight weeks this summer, and she will have an opportunity to gain valuable workplace experience and further insight in the engineering field: "I am so proud to represent Kingsborough at National Grid, and I look forward to the great learning experience the internship will provide me." After Kingsborough, Sinead plans to one day become a senior engineer at a major energy or technology company.

Whether providing emergency financial relief or granting once-in-a-lifetime internship opportunities, philanthropic support from foundations makes a tremendous impact on some of Kingsborough's most promising students.