

## The Southeastern



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### *Happy New Year and Welcome Back!*

#### **Awards (processed since December 1<sup>st</sup>)**

- Veda Abene and Dr. Gerald Guidroz, Continuing Education – “Incumbent Worker Training Program – Bill Hood Ford”, Louisiana Department of Labor, \$248,977
- Dr. Debra Dolliver, Chemistry & Physics – “New Synthetic Methods Using Oxime Ethers”, Petroleum Research Fund, \$35,000
- Dr. Gary Childers, Biological Sciences – “Lake Pontchartrain E. coli analyses”, \$45,000
- Dr. John Crain and Dr. Diane Allen, Teaching & Learning – “Teacher Preparation Accountability System Professional Development Reward”, LA Board of Regents, \$10,000
- Bill Joubert, SBDC – “SBDC Business Assistance - Disaster Relief Partnership Grant”, First Community Bank of Hammond, \$4,207
- Dr. Donnie Booth and Dr. Barbara Moffett, Nursing – “SLU – Nursing/Allied Health Capitation Award Program 2005-2006”, \$144,000
- Dr. Paula Curie, Communication Sciences & Disorders – “Scottish Rite Childhood Language Clinic”, Scottish Rite Foundation, \$34,800

#### **Submissions (processed since December 1<sup>st</sup>)**

- Dr. Janice Bossart, Biological Sciences – “RUI: Diversity and dynamics of forest butterflies in Ghana’s indigenous sacred groves and forest reserves”, National Science Foundation
- Dr. Gary Shaffer, Biological Sciences – “Habitat State Change and the Effects of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on Aboveground Turnover in the Manchac/Maurepas Wetlands”, CREST
- Rebecca Muller, Mathematics – “Advancing Mathematics Online and Onsite”, LaSIP/LA GEAR UP
- Dr. Ju Chou, Chemistry & Physics – “Development of Au Nanoclusters Supported on MCM-Based Oxide for Propylene Epoxidation”, American Chemical Society
- Dr. Dan McCarthy, College of Science & Technology – “Numerical Simulations of Plasma Turbulence in the Tokamak Edge”, US Department of Energy
- Dr. Richard Louth, English – “Southeastern Louisiana Writing Project”, National Writing Project
- Dr. Anna Kleiner, Sociology & Criminal Justice – “Can Organics Save the Family Farm?” Rural Coalition/USDA
- Dr. Kyle Piller, Biological Sciences – “Adaptive radiation in new world silversides (Atherinopsidae: Tribe Menidiini): A test of morphometric and trophic specialization”, National Science Foundation
- Dr. Paul Keddy, Biological Sciences – “RUI: Factors Influencing Biological Diversity in the Herbaceous Vegetation of Pine Savannas”, National Science Foundation
- Dr. Mary White, Biological Sciences – “RUI: Evolution of Primordial Germ Cell Determination in Fish”, National Science Foundation
- Jerry Patton, Human Development – “Chalice Project for Discovery - Family Resource Project”, Junior League of Baton Rouge
- Carole Lund, Nursing - “MSN Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship Program (2006-2007)”, HRSA
- Elmer Stewart, TRIO – “Tangipahoa Talent Search 2006-2007”, US Department of Education

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- Dr. Gary Childers, Biological Sciences – “Ernie’s Pool Service – Wastewater Analyses”, Ernie’s Pool Service, Inc.
- Dr. Gary Childers, Biological Sciences – “Annie’s Sewing Center– Wastewater Analyses”, Annie’s Sewing Center

## OSRP Advisory Committee

The Advisory Committee of the Office of Sponsored Research and Programs (OSRP) is composed of representatives from each of the Colleges and staff and administrators from campus offices of the Provost, Human Resources, Purchasing, and Grants Accounting. The Advisory Committee meets three or four times a semester and advises the office on such issues as:

- how OSRP’s mission and services can best assist the university community;
- methods to insure adherence to University and agency policies and procedures;
- faculty and staff questions and concerns regarding proposal and grant administration processes.

Members of the Advisory Committee are Ron Abel, Margaret Adelman, Dr. Bea Baldwin, Dr. Emily Bond, Dr. Susan Coats, Cindy Collins, Corliss Dupuy, Dr. Dan Hollander, Dr. Anthony Kerr, Marie Weathersby, Dr. David Norwood, Bette Schexnayder, Dr. Edie Slaton, and Theresa Zeigler.

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Many agencies include **grant writing tips, sample proposals, and related articles** on their web sites. Check out the following agency sites:

- ✓ Corporation for Public Broadcasting - <http://www.cpb.org/grants/grantwriting.html>
- ✓ U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) - <http://www.epa.gov/ogd/recipient/tips.htm>
- ✓ The Foundation Center - <http://fdncenter.org/learn/classroom/index.jhtml> and [http://fdncenter.org/learn/faqs/html/proposal\\_writing.html](http://fdncenter.org/learn/faqs/html/proposal_writing.html)
- ✓ Scholastic - <http://teacher.scholastic.com/professional/grants/scholgrantseminar.htm>
- ✓ grantsandfunding.com from Thompson Publishing Group - <http://www.grantsandfunding.com/grantsandfunding/reports/writingproposals.html>

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## Really ... What are Indirect Costs and why do I have to include them in my budget?

Sometimes PIs question why they have to request Indirect Costs in proposals when they can’t spend this money on project activities. What they don’t realize is that Indirect Costs, also known as Facilities and Administration Costs, pay for those University services that directly support grant activities such as payroll, purchasing, human resources, grants accounting, etc. Indirect Costs can also cover areas such as rent, insurance, utilities, maintenance, depreciation, janitorial services, library operations, etc. that are not charged to grant projects.

Indirect Costs recovery is grounded in the following three basic concepts:

- each grant supported activity should bear its fair share of costs.
- some costs incurred are for common purposes and are not easily documented to a particular grant project.
- keeping detailed accounting records for some of these expenses is not an effective use of time.

Southeastern currently has a federally negotiated Indirect Cost rate of 44% of salaries/wages excluding fringe. This rate should be used unless the agency dictates a different rate in the guidelines. So next time you develop your proposal budget, remember that Indirect Costs cover University support of your project.