Extraordinary Research

Here at High Point University, we believe in cultivating extraordinary potential in our students. High Point’s students don't simply become extraordinary on their own; they learn to be extraordinary by following the real life example that each and every one of you sets for them in your own lives.

But, it isn't simply the students who appreciate you, the RASP team appreciates all you do to help make the extraordinary achievable as well!

We would love to assist you in furthering your success by supporting you in finding and applying for a grant today! Allow us to be your guide through all of the steps along the process, and to help turn your research dreams into realities.

Let us know if we can help you to start your own extraordinary research! If you have any ideas or suggestions, or would like to start a grant proposal of your own, please email us at rasp@highpoint.edu. As always, call us if we can be of assistance!

Sincerely,

Director
Research Administration & Sponsored Programs

Interesting Opportunities

Carol A. Moore Scholarship
The scholarship recognizes women who are successful in their roles, who intend to engage in professional development or academic pursuits in order to further their career, and who demonstrate a commitment to supporting women’s leadership. Scholarship recipients may be invited to share their knowledge on their educational experience at the VWHE annual conference or other VWHE events.
Deadline: 30 November, 2015

Franklin Research Grants
Since 1933 the APS has awarded small grants to scholars in order to support the cost of research leading to publication in all areas of knowledge. The Franklin program is particularly designed to help meet the costs of travel to libraries and archives for research purposes; the purchase of microfilm, photocopies, or equivalent research materials; the costs associated with fieldwork; or laboratory research expenses.
Deadline: 01 October, 2015

Research Spotlight
Dr. Daniel Hall shares his experience with creating EconApps, an iPad application, which was funded through the High Point University ThinkBIG! Grant and Charles Koch Foundation. This app allows professors to run economic experiments in the classroom.

Conflict of Interest
On the RASP website, we now have a page particularly for Conflict of Interest. This includes definitions, forms, helpful tips, and even an interactive training quiz! We would love for you to check it out, but here, we will highlight some of the basic definitions and information for you.

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**RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT**

Have you ever wondered how one would go about creating an app? Most of us use them every day, but going through the process of actually creating them is foreign to us. However, for Dr. Daniel Hall and the entire EconApps team, this isn't foreign at all! They have just recently created an app that's primary focus will be to help make running economic experiments in the classroom easier for all instructors who might not have been able to otherwise.

Many professors understand the benefits of experiential learning but don't have the necessary resources to undertake such a project due to time restraints and start-up costs. With EconApps, Dr. Hall hopes to fix these problems. “The value-added of EconApps is that we lower these costs, which hopefully will get more professors to run experiments. EconApps combines the quicker feedback of computerized experiments with the fun and interactive environment of paper-and-pencil experiments.” Says Dr. Hall “Furthermore, the professor does not have to book a computer lab or get students to download any special software. EconApps can be run anywhere, with or without an internet connection. The instructor just needs to check out some iPads, which many institutions now have sets of as iPad prices are falling.”

As with most projects, EconApps didn't necessarily go as originally planned for Dr. Hall's team “A big project like this always takes longer than expected, and there are obstacles to overcome.” Says Dr. Hall. Luckily for them though, they just didn't have a big enough vision in the beginning for what EconApps would eventually end up developing in to “This project would not be possible without the continued support of High Point University and the Charles Koch Foundation.

We originally thought that our project would only be funded by a High Point University ThinkBIG! Grant, but when we changed our development model from out-sourcing the programming to in-sourcing with Mr. Roger Shore and some of his best computer science students! We turned to the Charles Koch Foundation for additional support in payment for student programmers.”

Speaking of students, one amazing part about this particular project is the extraordinary ways that Dr. Hall and his team have been able to include and benefit students from this project “There are three types of students who have been positively impacted by participating in this project. First, are the students who received the educational benefits of EconApps as Dr. Crofton and I have been running the games in our classrooms throughout the development of the app. Second, are the students who participated in the experiment and pursued career and internship opportunities through the Charles Koch Institute and its partnering organizations.” Says Dr. Hall “Finally, the computer science students have developed valuable programming skills and experience working for a client.

They have presented their work at undergraduate research conferences like HighPURCS and SNCURS, and the grants have also provided funds to present award-winning presentations at the Annual Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) Mid-Southeast Conference, which has helped our first three student programmers procure excellent career and graduate school opportunities. We are confident that our current and future programming students will receive similar opportunities.”

Now that it is officially up on iTunes, it looks like they are just getting started with the possibilities for Econ Apps “The current version of EconApps comes with the public goods provision and cartel games and documentation on how to run the experiments can be found on our website http://econapps.highpoint.edu,” says Dr. Hall, “We plan to continue to develop games that replicate popular experiments run in the classroom and further expand the capabilities of the app. EconApps will always be free and we hope to greatly expand the number of professors using it each year!” EconApps is certainly an extraordinary example of how we can utilize research on campus!

**Conflict of Interest**

**What is conflict of interest?**

Conflict of Interest (COI) regulations are designed to ensure that a researcher’s personal integrity, judgment, and objectivity are not compromised by a financial or personal relationship.

These regulations require High Point University to remove or manage any actual or perceived COI. Faculty who participate in sponsored research are subject to the High Point University Sponsored Research COI policy.

Online, you can also see the “Conflict of Interest Disclosure Policy”, the “Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form” as well as the interactive online training session. www.highpoint.edu/rasp/coi

**What is the Process for Disclosure?**

High Point University’s COI policy is based on the requirements of the National Institutes of Health regulations. All participating faculty that have 1) a sponsored research proposal pending or 2) an active sponsored project must disclose their outside financial interests for the previous year by March 1. RASP will contact affected faculty. Additionally, these faculty members must provide ad hoc disclosures as circumstances merit. COI training and disclosure are required before a researcher engages in research and every four year.