The State of Research at HPU

Research grew at a record pace at High Point University in 2012. With over $390,000 in research awards, almost $2 million in proposed research, and an award rate of 20.53%, 2012 was the best year on record. This is a testament to the hard work and determination of the High Point University faculty.

2013 is also the inaugural year of the University Research Advancement Grant (URAG) program. Thanks to all of the faculty who submitted proposals. Please congratulate our three winners!

- Yum Nguyen, Explorer
- Brian Meixner, Quest
- Donna Scheidt, Quest

See page two for more information. As always, we welcome your comments. Feel free to contact The Researcher via email at rasp@highpoint.edu.

As always, let me know how I can assist you in turning your research ideas into a reality.

Sincerely,

Tim

Director
Research Administration & Sponsored Programs

Interesting Opportunities

- American Honda Foundation

The American Honda Foundation engages in grant making that reflects the basic tenets, beliefs and philosophies of Honda companies, which are characterized by the following qualities: imaginative, creative, youthful, forward-thinking, scientific, humanistic and innovative. AHF supports youth education with a specific focus on the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) subjects in addition to the environment.

Deadline: May 1, 2013

- NEH: Challenge Grants

NEH challenge grants are capacity-building grants, intended to help institutions and organizations secure long-term improvements in and support for their humanities programs and resources. Through these awards, many organizations and institutions have been able to increase their humanities capacity and secure the permanent support of an endowment. Grants may be used to establish or enhance endowments or spend-down funds that generate expendable earnings to support ongoing program activities.

Deadline: May 1, 2013

2012 Research Proposals and Awards by College/School

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Dr. Shirley Disseler

**RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT**

Dr. Shirley Disseler’s research is informed by her early experiences as an educator. Dr. Disseler notes that “I find that the greatest knowledge can be gained from research completed out in the educational setting itself. I feel that much can be learned from the day in the life of a teacher.” This philosophy explains her most recent grant from Educational Blueprints Association.

As a part of the grant, High Point University, in conjunction with the will North Carolina Science Festival, will host a LEGO Education Showcase Event titled: STEM: Building Minds for Tomorrow. The event, scheduled to take place April 2013, will promote Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) learning through hands-on use of LEGO blocks for over 200 local elementary students.

Research has been an area of interest since her earliest days as an educator, as she constantly seeks to improve her programs with an eye toward quantitative program evaluation. Dr. Disseler relates that “Research for me is a natural progression of my own learning about how what I do in the classroom affects those whom I teach. I did research from the very day I began teaching in terms of keeping records of what worked in my class with elementary students and how things needed to be adjusted.”

Asked what advice she can give to those interested in research, she enthusiastically stated “Go with your heart and do what interests you!” That’s sage advice for sure.

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2013 University Research Advancement Grant Winners Announced

Please join RASP in congratulating the 2013 University Research Administration Grant (URAG) awardees. RASP received thirteen proposals from four college/schools and nine departments.

URAG awardees were selected through a rigorous double-blind review process. External expert reviewers judged the proposals using the same scoring rubric based on the significance of the work and its impact in the field.

Awardees will have up to one year to execute their proposals. Additionally, they must seek additional research funding, submit an article to a peer-reviewed journal, or perform a piece of work.

Again, congratulations to our 2013 awardees!

**Explorer ($10,000)**

Dr. Yum Nguyen: Score: 90

Athletic Training, Health Sciences

Anatomical and Biomechanical Risk Factors for ACL Injuries in Adolescent Athletes

**Quest ($2,500)**

Dr. Donna Scheidt: Score 96

English, Arts & Sciences

Research and the First-Year Writer: A Data-Driven Inquiry

**Quest ($2,500)**

Dr. Brian Meixner: Score 95

Music, Arts & Sciences

Recording of Music for Euphonium and Percussion

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The humble Lego block is foundational to Dr. Disseler’s research efforts.

*Did you know that over 60 million Lego blocks were used to build LEGOLAND, a Lego-themed amusement park in Denmark? Click here to learn more.*

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Looking for a way to fund your new research idea? Contact RASP for a one-on-one discussion on how to get started and where to find opportunities.