NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
OFFICE OF SPONSORED PROJECTS  

SUMMARY OF GRANT/CONTRACT AWARDS – FISCAL YEAR 2014  

July 1, 2013 – September 30, 2013  

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ACCOUNTANCY

West Virginia University Research Corporation for "The Complementary Influences of Genetics and Environment on Successful Lie Detection in Investigative Fraud Interviews." Chih-Chen Lee.
Award: $10,000.00.

The purpose of this project is to examine twins' deception detections to find out if genetics contributes significantly to a person's ability to detect lies in interrogations.

ALLIED HEALTH AND COMMUNICATIVE DISORDERS

Department of Education for "Rehabilitation of Individuals who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing." Daniel L. Boutin.
Award: $92,820.00 (Cumulative $385,880.00).

This project supports students in a pre-service professional preparation program, training them to be counselors for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing.

ANTHROPOLOGY

Award: $140,176.00.

The purpose of this cross-cultural research project is to investigate cultural models of nature held by populations of primary food producers (e.g., farmers, fishermen, herders, hunters and gatherers) on five continents. Subawards will enrich the project via research at multiple foreign locations.

Department of State for "Philippine Youth Leader Program 2013: Environmental Leadership in the Philippines: Developing Youth as Agents of Change and Ecological Activism." Susan D. Russell/Lina D. Ong.
Award: $251,606.00 (Cumulative $503,960.00).

The purpose of this project is to conduct a U.S.-based four week exchange program to bring teenagers and adult educator volunteers from the Philippines to the U.S. for exposure to/training in civic education, leadership, diversity, and community engagement, and preparation to conduct projects at home that serve a community need.
ART
This book is part of a trilogy re-examining Renaissance art and the role of the artist, undertaken by the author.

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
The purpose of this project is to provide expertise to Iowa State University in the lactic-acid producing biocatalyst.

The purpose of this project is to investigate the roles of novel subviral RNA molecules in a model RNA virus life cycle that can extend our understanding of the molecular tools available to RNA viruses.

Department of Agriculture for "Identification of Regulatory Genes in A. Flavus and A. Nidulans that are Involved in Mycotoxin Production, Morphogenesis, and Virulence." Ana Calvo. Award: $15,000.00 (Cumulative $75,097.00). June 1, 2009 - May 31, 2014. (Organized Research) Basic Research.
The purpose of this project is to further the understanding of the signaling pathways involved in the production of mycotoxins, and fungal development and the role of VeA in fungal virulence.

This project is an integrative approach to merging genetics, gene expression, broad-scale taxonomic comparisons, plant-level function and global-scale ecosystem function focusing on the evolutionary and geographic distribution of drought tolerance.

University of Nevada, Las Vegas for "Exploration of "Biological Dark Matter" in Geothermal Springs." Wesley Swingley.
Award: $60,812.00 (Cumulative $87,128.00).

The purpose of this project is to support bioinformatic efforts coordinating the analysis of the community metabolome and individual single-cell genomes.

CAREER SERVICES

Award: $10,020.00.

The purpose of this project is to provide NIU students with career-related work experience.

Award: $9,185.00.

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CENTER FOR GOVERNMENTAL STUDIES

Department of the Army for "National Guard Economic Impact Study." Brian Richard.
Award: $21,981.00.

The purpose of this project is to conduct an economic impact study for the National Guard.

CENTER FOR SOUTHEAST ASIAN STUDIES

Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, Cambodia for "Training Workshop on "Locating Research Funding Sources and Grant Proposal Writing"." Judy L. Ledgerwood/Andrea Buford/Kheang Un/Trude Jacobsen.
Award: $70,000.00.

The purpose of this project is to provide qualified faculty experts to create training materials, deliver a training workshop across a four-day period for staff from Higher Education Institutions and provide follow-up activities.

Department of Education for "FY 2010 Title VI National Resource Centers and Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships Program." Judy L. Ledgerwood.
Award: $128,673.00 (Cumulative $1,735,213.00).
Funds will continue to be used to support the Center for Southeast Asian Studies.

CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY


The purpose of this project is to conduct research related to Boron, Boron Nitride Nanostructures and the materials for thermal management.


The purpose of this project is to work toward the total synthesis of several natural products using superelectrophilic reactions. With the development of better synthetic reactions, the costs for consumer products may be lessened and industrial processes can become more environmentally friendly.


The purpose of this project is to prepare, characterize and improve new materials for energy efficiency and environmental application.

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING & ENGINEERING TECH, DEAN'S OFFICE

Motorola Foundation for "NIU-Enhancing Engineering Pathways: An integrated Outreach and Mentoring Program to strengthen the STEM Pipeline for Female Students from Middle School to College." Suma Rajashankar/Mansour Tahernezhadi/Promod Vohra. Award: $40,000.00. August 16, 2013 - June 30, 2014. (Other Sponsored Activities) Public Service.

The purpose of this renewal proposal is to focus more on sustaining the present program by providing newer hands-on opportunities to the middle school girls and by strengthening the mentoring chain.


The purpose of this project is to perform spectroscopic testing and analysis.
COLLEGE OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS, DEAN'S OFFICE

Award: $2,500.00.

In collaboration with local school districts, NIU will bring Arts Midwest World Fest to campus, with four music groups from four different countries, for week-long residencies.

COMPUTER SCIENCE

National Institute of Mental Health/NIH/DHHS for "Automatic 3D Quantification of Synapse Distribution in Complex Dendritic Arbor." Jie Zhou.
Award: $461,165.00.

The purpose of this project is to develop a software tool to conduct quantitative investigation of subcellular synapse distribution and its molecular mechanisms using three-dimensional microscopy images.

DIVISION OF RESEARCH AND GRADUATE STUDIES, DEAN'S OFFICE

Illinois Board of Higher Education for "FY 2014 Illinois Minority Graduate Fellowships (DFI)." Bradley G. Bond.
Award: $81,000.00.

The purpose of this project is to support diversification of faculty at NIU.

Award: $1,964,939.00.

The purpose of this project is to perform services directed toward increasing the productivity and global competitive advantage of regionally-based manufacturing and technology-related firms.

XL Academics for "Support for Client Engagement Management at XL Academics." Bradley G. Bond.
Award: $13,280.00 (Cumulative $20,750.00).

The purpose of this project is to provide strategic development and execution of client facing marketing initiatives at XL Academics.
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Argonne National Laboratory for "Device Parameter Extraction and Modeling." Ibrahim M. Abdel-Motaleb.
Award: $6,913.00 (Cumulative $19,180.00).

The purpose of this project is to provide electronics knowledge and skills in support of activities in Argonne National Laboratory's Process Technology Research Section.

Tezzaron Semiconductor, Corp. for "Design and Testing a Microchip for Testing Liquid Cooling of 3D ICs." Ibrahim M. Abdel-Motaleb.
Award: $30,000.00.

The purpose of the project is to design a microchip that includes arrays of heaters and temperature sensors to measure the chip temperature.

National Science Foundation for "Reforming Power Semiconductor Education." Ibrahim M. Abdel-Motaleb.
Award: $5,000.00.

The purpose of this project is to organize a conference session to discuss topics related to developing and delivering an "Integrated Power Electronics Curriculum from Components to Systems".

ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

Argonne National Laboratory for "Integrated Laboratory/Industry Research Program (ILIRP)." David Schroeder.
Award: $137,966.00 (Cumulative $488,530.00).

The purpose of this project is to study the various interfacial regions within the lithium-metal based electrochemical cell.

FAMILY, CONSUMER AND NUTRITION SCIENCES

DeKalb County Community Foundation for "The Families with Children with Disabilities Therapy Program." Juie Ramisch.
Award: $770.00.

This new program addresses the therapeutic needs of families who have children with special
needs by providing them with free family counseling and resources.

GEOGRAPHY

DeKalb County Economic Development Corporation for "DCEDC Internship." Andrew J. Krmenec. 
Award: $10,089.00. 

The purpose of this project is to support a Geography graduate student's valuable training experience at the DeKalb County Economic Development Corporation.

Illinois Department of Transportation for "IDOT Bicycle Maps Project." Philip P. Young. 
Award: $150,000.00 (Cumulative $450,000.00). 

The purpose of this project is to revise, update and reprint bicycle maps for IDOT district offices.

Award: $12,000.00. 

This project aims to explore how the encroachment of Amur honeysuckle at Nachusa Grasslands, a prairie, wetland and woodland preserve located in north-central Illinois, specifically affects various recruitment and regeneration dynamics of the local white oak population.

Argonne National Laboratory for "Joint Appointment: David Murphy." David Murphy. 
Award: $93,503.00 (Cumulative $273,143.00). 
August 15, 2013 - August 14, 2014. (Other Sponsored Activities) IPA or Joint Appointment.

Funds are being used for a joint appointment between NIU and Argonne in support of Dr. David Murphy.

GEOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL GEOSCIENCES

National Science Foundation for "Collaborative Research: Developing New Science and Technology for Subglacial Studies of the Whillans Ice Plain and West Antarctic Ice Sheet." Ross D. Powell. 
Award: $1,890.00. 

We propose to develop and apply new clean hot water drilling and coring techniques to recover ice cores and deploy borehole instruments to help understand and quantify the exchanges of solid particulates, chemical species and biological materials between the ice sheet and underlying water and sediments in the Antarctic.

The purpose of this project is to run a NSF REU-site program on Svalbard, Norway, for 5 years introducing a spectrum of national undergraduate students to the collection and analysis of scientific data for studying current Arctic warming and global climate change issues.


This grant supports research generating continuous, centennial to millennial-scale records of mountain glaciation in Peru spanning the Holocene (~12 ka to present) that tests hypotheses concerning the causes of abrupt climate change in the tropics.

INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING


The purpose of this project is to study Driv-Lok's existing quotation process and to develop and implement solutions to reduce the time to prepare an accurate quote.


The purpose of this project is to assess the current cellular layout for, and to analyze the current state of the activities such as material flow, storage, etc. associated with, SPX's Power Team product line.

KINESIOLOGY AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION


The purpose of this project is to provide valuable training to an NIU graduate student in the field of sports marketing.

The purpose of this project is to develop collaboration between NIU and youth serving organizations in Belize to improve youth sport programs in Belize.

LEADERSHIP, EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY AND FOUNDATIONS


The purpose of this project is to conduct a quasi-experimental study to examine gender differences in the relationship between ability beliefs, utility beliefs, and academic outcomes in science classrooms.

LITERACY EDUCATION


The purpose of this project is to train teachers who will earn the Illinois ESL and/or bilingual endorsement with an emphasis on STEM subjects.

MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES


The main goal of this project is to create a mathematical framework and algorithms for detecting the source distribution (or initial state) of potential threats such as pollution, chemical or biological hazards, and natural disasters.

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Ohio State University for "OSU-DOE LENS Project." Federico Sciammarella. Award: $5,000.00.

The purpose of this project is to fabricate the Case Western thermal fatigue dunk test geometry via the LENS process.

Award: $1,208,291.00.

The major goal of this project is to provide a complete experimental and numerical solution to meet the challenges as described in NIST's "Roadmap Workshop on Measurement Science for Metal-Based Additive Manufacturing" which when successful will ensure the widespread adoption of AM to industries that will benefit from the technology.

OUTREACH, ENGAGEMENT, AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES, VP

Award: $7,521,000.00.

The purpose of this project is to drive academic achievement and career success for all lifelong learners in Illinois by enabling personalized learning through open and accessible technologies.

PHILOSOPHY

Award: $30,000.00.

The purpose of this project is to explore the brain sciences and bring recent empirical work on human psychology to bear on philosophical debates over our deeper natures.

PHYSICS

Award: $45,000.00 (Cumulative $135,000.00).

The purpose of this project is to study the ways in which new particles predicted by supersymmetry might be detected and studied.
National Science Foundation for "Unconventional Electrodynamics in Unconventional Solids."
Roland Winkler.
Award: $131,035.00.

The purpose of this project is to investigate the electrodynamics of unconventional charge carriers that we expect to be markedly different from ordinary electrodynamics in macroscopic media. The proposed research will provide important new insights into how electric charges, pseudospins, and spins as well as their respective currents may interact with electromagnetic fields.

Award: $130,000.00.

This project deals with the theoretical interpretation of time-dependent X-ray experiments of nonequilibrium dynamics. The research involves a postdoctoral researcher who will address these problems with high-performance computation.

Award: $14,557.00.

The purpose of the project is to perform experiments that incorporate in-situ x-ray scattering studies to study the growth and processing of materials during metal-organic chemical vapor deposition.

Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory for "Joint Appointment NIU/FNAL." Young-Min Shin.
Award: $12,292.00 (Cumulative $120,916.00).
August 16, 2013 - September 30, 2013. (Other Sponsored Activities) IPA or Joint Appointment.

Funds are being used, per the Memorandum of Understanding between NIU and FNAL, to support one-half of the PI's 9-month academic salary as a joint faculty appointee of the Department of Physics and the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory.

Bridge12 Technologies, Inc. for "V-Band Microwave Power Module Based on an Overmoded TWT." Young-Min Shin.
Award: $100,000.00.

The purpose of this project is to design a V-Band Microwave Power Module (MPM) for use in satellite communication.

Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory for "Joint Appointment NIU/FNAL." Philippe R. Piot.
Award: $2,500.00 (Cumulative $208,300.00).
August 16, 2012 - September 30, 2013. (Other Sponsored Activities) IPA or Joint Appointment.
Funds are being used, per the NIU-Fermilab Memorandum of Understanding executed in December 2005, to support one-half of the PI's 9-month academic salary as a joint faculty appointee of the Department of Physics and Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory.

Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory for "Development of the MU2E Preliminary Design." David R. Hedin.
Award: $130,564.00 (Cumulative $242,839.00).

The purpose of this project is to support NIU's role in developing the Muon Beamstop, SiPM Characterization, and design of the Upstream Extinction Monitor.

Argonne National Laboratory for "Joint Appointment: Andreas Glatz." Andreas Glatz.
Award: $105,214.00 (Cumulative $204,584.00).
August 15, 2013 - August 14, 2014. (Other Sponsored Activities) IPA or Joint Appointment.

Funds are being used for a joint appointment between NIU and Argonne in support of Dr. Andreas Glatz.

Award: $52,000.00 (Cumulative $107,000.00).

The purpose of this project is to develop novel tools necessary for accurate and efficient modeling, simulation and design optimization of electron cooling options for a future Electron Ion Collider, or any other nuclear physics facility where high luminosity, low transverse and longitudinal emittance are required.

Argonne National Laboratory for "Upgrade of the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility." Bela Erdelyi.
Award: $71,000.00.

The purpose of the project is to provide design assistance for the upgrade of the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility.

Award: $286,999.00 (Cumulative $586,999.00).

This project will support participation in the D0 experiment, participation in the ATLAS experiment, and investigation of new detector technologies.

Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory for "Joint Appointment NIU/FNAL." Philippe R. Piot.
Award: $12,012.00 (Cumulative $208,300.00).
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POLITICAL SCIENCE

Award: $2,000.00.
September 1, 2013 - December 31, 2013. (Other Sponsored Activities) Public Service.

The purpose of this project is to sponsor a speaker series aimed at enhancing the understanding of peace-building by focusing on the role gender issues can play in the prospects for conflict resolution and conflict research.

PSYCHOLOGY

Communities in Schools of Aurora, Inc. for "21st Century Community Learning Center Grant for Herget Middle School." Michelle Demaray/Christine E. Malecki.
Award: $10,500.00 (Cumulative $52,500.00).

The purpose of this project is to conduct a five-year evaluation of an after school program in Herget middle school in Aurora.

Award: $30,444.00 (Cumulative $60,888.00).

The purpose of this project is to support a psychology graduate student externship with Joliet School District.

Award: $17,031.00 (Cumulative $34,062.00).

The purpose of this project is to support a psychology graduate externship at Indian Creek School District.

Kishwaukee Community Hospital for "Psychology Externship at Kishwaukee Community Hospital." Greg Waas/Laura D. Pittman.
Award: $8,354.00 (Cumulative $23,635.00).

Funds are being used for a graduate psychology student externship at Kishwaukee Community Hospital. 
Hospital.


The goal of the project is to select/develop film segments to serve as visual narratives, and conduct studies to assess how individuals process these film segments, with an overall intent to improve narrative design to better stimulate interest and learning.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION


The purpose of this project is to provide valuable internship training to an NIU graduate student who will provide assistance to Village and Department staff for various public administration programs.


The purpose of this project is to provide valuable training to an NIU graduate student who will assist Village of Lincolnwood administrators in carrying out a variety of projects related to municipal management.


The purpose of this project is to provide valuable internship training to an NIU graduate student, who will perform research and administrative activities to assist Administrators at the Village of Morton Grove.


The purpose of this project is to provide valuable internship training to an NIU graduate student who will assist the Office of the City Manager on projects including the assembly of factual information through research and study, writing letters and reports, and preparing financial documents.

City of Janesville for "Administrative Intern (City of Janesville)." Denise Burchard.
Award: $21,120.00.

The purpose of this project is to provide valuable internship training to an NIU graduate student, who will provide administrative and staff support to the programs pertaining to all areas of municipal management for the City of Janesville.

Village of Bannockburn for "Administrative Internship with the Village of Bannockburn."
Denise Burchard.
Award: $33,264.00.

The purpose of this project is to provide valuable internship training to an NIU graduate student who will assist Village of Bannockburn administrative staff with projects including processing of building permits and zoning applications, assisting the public, researching and writing grant proposals, performing policy and program analysis, and researching best practices and innovative programs.

Village of Mundelein for "Graduate Student Support Project - Mundelein." Denise Burchard.
Award: $25,200.00.

The purpose of this project is to provide valuable internship training to an NIU graduate student who will assist with day-to-day management activities, including preparation of ordinances, study and report on alternatives for public policy, prepare administrative policy procedures, respond to requests for information, write articles for the Village newsletter and assist with the preparation of grant applications.

Village of Glen Ellyn for "Administrative Internship - Village of Glen Ellyn (Lauren Parisi)."
Denise Burchard.
Award: $27,720.00.

The purpose of the project is to provide valuable internship training to an NIU graduate student who will provide assistance to the Glen Ellyn Planning and Development Director and Village Planner in support of the daily activities of the planning division and will work on a wide range of projects including assistance with development and zoning reviews, annexation agreements, Code updates and implementation of a Downtown Strategic Plan.

Little City of Palatine for "Center for Education Program Implementation." Denise Burchard.
Award: $7,920.00.

The purpose of this project is to provide valuable internship training to an NIU graduate student who will provide administrative and staff support to the programs and services of the Little City Foundation.

Award: $21,120.00.
The purpose of the project is to provide valuable training to an NIU graduate student who will perform a variety of public administration duties by assisting the Village Administrator and Village Department Heads to carry out projects such as conducting research, data analysis, data entry, preparing reports and correspondence, compiling information, and maintaining confidential files and information.

SPECIAL AND EARLY EDUCATION


The major goal of the program is to train graduate students as teachers and orientation and mobility specialists to serve the needs of blind and visually impaired children in grades P-12.

Department of Education for "Preparation of Rehabilitation Teachers and Orientation & Mobility Specialists to Serve Adults with Visual Disabilities." Gaylen G. Kapperman. Award: $95,836.00 (Cumulative $454,053.00). July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014. (Instructional Programs).

The purpose of this project is to offer a 12 month program to train graduate students to enter the fields of Rehabilitation Teaching and Orientation & Mobility.

STATISTICS

AbbVie Inc. for "Abbott Laboratories Externship." Rama T. Lingham. Award: $41,000.00 (Cumulative $122,000.00). August 16, 2013 - May 31, 2014. (Instructional Programs).

The purpose of this project is to support a graduate student from NIU's Statistics Division in receiving real-world experience in the practice of statistics by working in the division of Data and Statistical Sciences of Abbott Labs.

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICE


The purpose of this project is to provide low-income, first generation, and/or physically or learning disabled students with comprehensive academic and career counseling services and
cultural enrichment activities designed to enhance their persistence and graduation from the university.

SURVEY RESEARCH TEAM

Batavia Public Library District for "Batavia Public Library 2013 Community Survey." Julia C. Bailey/Mindy Schneiderman.
Award: $25,295.00.
July 1, 2013 - December 20, 2013. (Other Sponsored Activities) Public Service.

The goal of this project is to conduct a community survey for the Batavia Public Library.

University of Minnesota for "Chicago Longitudinal Survey." Mindy Schneiderman.
Award: $9,996.00 (Cumulative $148,651.00).

The goal of the project is to conduct follow up interviews as part of a University of Minnesota project.

TEACHER CERTIFICATION

Award: $2,144.00 (Cumulative $22,592.00).

The purpose of this project is to support the integration of RTL elements into NIU educator preparation programs.

V&PA EXTERNAL PROGRAMMING

National Endowment for the Arts/National Foundation on the Arts & Humanities for "NEA Arts Engagement in American Communities, FY 2013." Deborah A. Booth.
Award: $10,000.00.

This award will allow the NIU Community School of the Arts to bring in guest artists and educators.