New Awards

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Grant to Professor Emily Bentley

Congratulations to Professor Emily Bentley, Director, Homeland Security and Emergency Management Program, Department of Political Science, Public Administration, and Urban Studies, who was recently awarded a U.S. Department of Homeland Security Scientific Leadership Award for Minority Serving Institutions, "Research and Curriculum Development for Improved Policy and Planning for Underserved and Disadvantaged Populations." The $299,999 award is for a three year term beginning January 1, 2008. Professor Bentley will direct curriculum development, faculty research of emergency preparedness of disadvantaged populations in the Savannah area, and student internships and career development. Dr. Deden Rukmana, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Public Administration, and Urban Studies will also serve as a Faculty Investigator on this project. Other participating faculty will include Dr. Karla-Sue Marriott, Assistant Professor, Department of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. This award will support and promote the new Homeland Security and Emergency Management degree program, support important emergency preparedness research, and provide valuable internship and research experience for Savannah State students.

Professor Emily Bentley, Principal Investigator of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Scientific Leadership Award for Minority Serving Institutions Program "Research and Curriculum Development for Improved Policy and Planning for Underserved and Disadvantaged Populations", and Dr. Deden Rukmana, Faculty Investigator for the Grant Program.
New Awards, continued

NOAA - University of Maryland Eastern Shore Sub-award to Dr. Dionne Hoskins
The University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) has awarded a new four-year subcontract to Dr. Dionne Hoskins, Associate Professor/Fishery Biologist, NOAA, as part of its NOAA award program "The Living Marine Resources Cooperative Science Center." Savannah State has been a participating member of the Center since 2001; other participants are UMES (lead institution), Delaware State University, Hampton University, the University of Miami Rosensteil School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences, the University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute Center of Marine Biotechnology, and the NOAA Educational Partnership Program. Through this program, Dr. Hoskins will direct faculty and student research in living marine resources, provide graduate student fellowships, stipends, and scholarships, provide undergraduate student scholarships and internships, and conduct K-12 marine science summer camps. Funding for the first year of the award (September 2007 - August 2008) is $352,224. Dr. Carla Curran, Associate Professor, Department of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, also serves as a faculty investigator for this award.

National Collegiate Inventors & Innovators Alliance Grant to Dr. Alex Kalu
The National Collegiate Inventors & Innovators Alliance (NCIIA) has awarded Dr. Alex Kalu, Professor, Department of Engineering Technology, a $50,000 Sustainable Vision Grant for his proposal "International Partnership on Safe Water Technology for Rural Communities in Developing Countries". NCIIA is a private institution which fosters invention, innovation, and entrepreneurship in higher education. This project is a partnership between Savannah State and Durban University of Technology, Durban, South Africa. Program goals are to address the lack of potable water in rural Africa and other developing regions, by designing ultra filtration systems using locally engineered materials, designing power supply systems, and facilitating adoption of the systems by local providers and residents through field trials and community workshops. Graduate students from both institutions will participate in research activities and business plan development. The program term is March 2008 through September 2009. Dr. Tsehai Alemayehu, Professor of Economics/Finance, College of Business Administration, will also participate in this grant program as a faculty investigator.

Georgia Humanities Council Grant to Dr. Ronald Bailey
The Georgia Humanities Council has approved a grant of $6,000 to Dr. Ronald Bailey, Distinguished Visiting Professor of Africana Studies and History, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, for the project "Exploring Ancient Nubia Through Archaeology." The project period is January 1, 2008 to March 31, 2008. Project activities will include presentation of digNubia, an interactive exhibit on ancient African civilization in the Nile River Valley, at Adams Hall, Savannah State University during Black History Month, February 2008, as well as public lectures and seminars.

U.S. Department of Education Grant to Ms. Hope Cranford
The U.S. Department of Education has awarded Savannah State University a new four-year grant for the Educational Talent Search Program. The program PI is Ms. Hope
Cranford, Executive Director, ACCESS Programs. Funding for the first year of the award which began September 1, 2007 is $439,406. The program serves 900 high school students in the Savannah-Chatham County area. The program goal is to increase the number of low-income, first generation students entering post-secondary institutions.

**Award Renewals**

**U.S. Department of Education Grant to Dr. Karnard Jenkins**
The U.S. Department of Education has approved a Continuation Award (year two) for the Student Support Services Program. The program PI is Dr. Karnard Jenkins, Director, Student Support Services. Funding for year two which began September 1, 2007 is $278,295. The program goals are to support 175 low-income, first generation or disabled students who are enrolled or accepted for enrollment in the University, through such services as counseling, academic advisement, tutoring, and exposure to graduate school programs.

**McFarland & Associates Sub-Award to Dr. Johnnie Myers**
McFarland & Associates (contractor with the U.S. Substance Abuse & Mental Health Service Administration) has renewed its sub-award to Dr. Johnnie Myers, Associate Professor, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, for the Minority Education Institutions (MEI) Initiative for Substance Abuse, HIV/AIDS, and Hepatitis Prevention Program. Funding for year three of this program which began October 15, 2007 is $85,000, which includes a $25,000 donation from the Tom Joyner Foundation. Under this program, student peer educators conduct outreach/awareness activities that will reach a minimum of 1,000 Savannah State students.

For a complete list of currently active grants and pending applications, please see the OSRA website at http://linux.savstate.edu/osra/index.html.

**Funding Opportunities**

Savannah State University subscribes to the InfoEd SMARTS data service, whereby employees can receive email alerts when new funding opportunities are announced in their area. To subscribe, contact the OSRA office or go to the OSRA website.

The OSRA website maintains a list of selected opportunities for faculty research grants, student scholarships, and Summer 2008 student research opportunities in various disciplines at institutions nationwide.

**Streamlining of Proposal Review Procedures**

The procedures for pre-award (proposal development, review, and submission to the funding agencies) have been recently streamlined. The details have been posted on the OSRA website.
Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students

Participants at the November 7-10, 2007 Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS) in Austin, Texas. From left to right are: Mr. Christopher Jean-Louis, Savannah State December 2007 Graduate (Biology Major, Mentor: Dr. Cecil Jones), Ms. Frances Yates, Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) MARC Program Associate, Ms. Jackie Roberts, FASEB MARC Program Director, Dr. Johnny Johnson, Savannah State MAGEC-STEM Program Manager, Ms. Darkeysa Peters, Savannah State Sophomore (Chemistry Major, Mentor: Dr. Hua Zhao), and Ms. Tanisha Crittle, Savannah State Sophomore (Chemistry Major, Mentor: Dr. Hua Zhao)

Title III-Funded Faculty Development Awards for Sponsored Research and Scholarly Activities

The Office of Sponsored Research Administration is offering Title III-funded Faculty Development Awards to full-time, regular faculty and academic staff of Savannah State. These awards will support the Title III objective of increasing the funded research and scholarly activity of faculty and academic staff, especially where there are limited institutional funds for these endeavors. Awards are available through September 30, 2008 to eligible faculty and staff who meet the award criteria. Early career faculty in the College of Business Administration and the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences are especially encouraged to apply. Eligibility criteria and application information are on the OSRA website. The following awards are available:

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