In the Spotlight: National Grid and Con Edison
Supporting Eco-Festival and Environmental Partnerships

Each year at Eco-Festival, Kingsborough faculty, staff and students gather with community members to reflect on the state of our environment and the impact of human activity on eco-systems. Taking place April 17-19, this year’s theme is Jamaica Bay: My College, My Bay, Our Future. This topic is particularly timely as we recover from Sandy and start looking at how to re-build in the wake of a storm that changed the very shoreline of the northeast United States.

The goal of this year’s Eco-Festival is to help students and community members become more connected to the Bay and engaged with the people and community partners dedicated to saving this important ecosystem. The planning committee is currently developing this year’s agenda: firming up keynote speakers, securing vendors, developing curricular links, and promoting the event.

Eco-Festival has significant support from the college. However, the event is also supported by grants from our local utility companies, Con Edison and National Grid. Each of these companies is committed to implementing green solutions in power delivery, and support local initiatives to improve environmental education. Both are long-time supporters of Eco-Festival, and both have participated in Eco-Festival’s Green Trade Fair.

National Grid provided $20,000 to support sustainability partnerships at Kingsborough, including support for Eco-Festival and associated programs. Funding will support keynote speakers, outdoor activities, and film screenings. In addition, National Grid is supporting a new component of the Festival: convening a community council of Brooklyn-based sustainability-focused groups. National Grid will be a leader in this discussion about how to make Brooklyn a greener, cleaner place to live and work.

Con Edison provided $5,000 to support the work of student group R2C, including its role in Eco-Festival. This includes support for student stipends and training, and support for the KCC Goes Green competition.

“It’s wonderful to have the support of local companies and organizations in the implementation of Eco-Festival,” says Christina Colon, Assistant Professor of Biology and chair of this year’s Eco-Festival. “With their support, students, faculty and staff are able to explore issues of significance, including the impact of our actions on the surrounding eco-systems and how all members of our community – corporate, academic, non-profit – can improve conditions for generations to come.”

CURRENT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Community College Collaborative Incentive Research Grant Round 10
CUNY’s Community College Collaborative Incentive Research Grant (C3IRG) program provides support for early stage faculty research projects, led by community college faculty, involving inter-disciplinary and cross-campus research teams comprised of two or more CUNY faculty. The goal of the program is to “promote research productivity and to enhance, through multi-campus or multi-disciplinary collaborations, the prestige and prominence of the University.” The deadline to submit is Friday, April 5, 2013.
Only tenure-track or tenured faculty at CUNY campuses are eligible to apply. The Primary Investigator (PI) must be from a CUNY Community College.

The announcement, along with links to the complete guidelines and application forms, can be found on the CUNY website:

http://www.cuny.edu/research/faculty-resources/internal-funding-programs/community-college-grant.html

If, upon review of the guidelines and application process, you plan to apply to the C3IRG program, please complete the Notice of Intent to Submit a Grant Application (http://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/sub-administration/collAdvancement/ApplyingforGrants/Documents/IntenttoSubmitFormInstructionalStaff.pdf) and submit it to Kirstin Swanson in the Office for College Advancement (Mailcode: D) by Friday, March 22, 2013.

As in previous competitions, the C3IRG has an emphasis on pedagogical research. A workshop on pedagogical research will be held on January 14, 2013 at BMCC. For more information and to register, see the CUNY website here:

http://cuny.edu/research/faculty-resources/internal-funding-programs/community-college-grant/PedagogyWorkshop2012-1.html

If you have questions about this opportunity, please contact Kirstin Swanson, Director of Development, at 5673 or by email at kirstin.swanson@kbcc.cuny.edu.

Collaborative Incentive Research Round 20

CUNY’s Collaborative Incentive Research Grant (CIRG) program provides support for early stage faculty research projects by inter-disciplinary and cross-campus research teams comprised of two or more CUNY faculty. The goal of the program is to “seed research that will become the basis for future grant proposals.” The deadline to submit is Friday, March 1, 2013.

Only tenure-track or tenured faculty at CUNY campuses are eligible to apply.

The announcement, along with links to the complete guidelines and application forms, can be found on the CUNY website:

http://www.cuny.edu/research/faculty-resources/internal-funding-programs/collaborative-incentive-grant.html

If, upon review of the guidelines and application process, you plan to apply to the CIRG program, please complete the Notice of Intent to Submit a Grant Application (http://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/sub-administration/collAdvancement/ApplyingforGrants/Documents/IntenttoSubmitFormInstructionalStaff.pdf) and submit it to Kirstin Swanson in the Office for College Advancement (Mailcode: D) by Friday, February 15.

If you have questions about this opportunity, please contact Kirstin Swanson, Director of Development, at 5673 or by email at kirstin.swanson@kbcc.cuny.edu.

Ricci Institute for Chinese-Western Cultural History at the USF Center for the Pacific Rim:

Travel Grants Program

http://usf.usfca.edu/ricci/institute/scholarships/travel.htm

From their website: “The Ricci Institute for Chinese-Western Cultural History at the University of San Francisco Center for the Pacific Rim annually awards travel grants to encourage faculty members, graduate students, and other researchers from outside of the San Francisco Bay Area to use the Institute’s library and archival collections for their research. Research topics may include, but are not limited to Chinese-Western cultural exchange, interaction and/or encounters, Jesuit interaction with China from the late Ming through early 20th century, and/or the history of Christianity in China.

“Applications for travel during the summer and fall are due March 31, 2013.”

American Association of University Women:

Community Action Grants

http://www.aauw.org/learn/fellowships_grants/community_action.cfm

From their website: “Community Action grants provide funds to individuals, AAUW branches and AAUW state organizations as well as local community-based nonprofit organizations for innovative programs or non-degree research projects that promote education and equality for women and girls.

“Applicants must be women who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Nonprofit organizations must be based in the United States. Grant projects must have direct public impact, be nonpartisan, and take place within the United States or its territories.

“Special consideration is given to projects focused on K-12 and community college girls' and women's achievements in science, technology, engineering or math.”

Applications are due January 15, 2013.

If you are interested in applying for a grant, please contact Kirstin Swanson, Director of Development or Antonio Thompson, Associate Director of Development, to discuss your proposed project.

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**Anna Becker**  
Performing Arts Center  
Queens College/CUNY  
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*Development of Dance Rehearsal Space at CUNY Colleges*  
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Department of Tourism and Hospitality  
CUNY Workforce Development Initiative  
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