

## Grant Opportunities for Professional Development

The Association for Institutional Research, with support from the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) and the National Science Foundation (NSF), invites you to submit a proposal to the 2003 grant program, *Improving Institutional Research in Postsecondary Educational Institutions*. The goals of the program are to provide professional development opportunities to doctoral students, institutional researchers, educators, and administrators and to foster the use of federal databases for institutional research in postsecondary education. The grant program has four components:

1. Dissertation fellowships support doctoral students whose dissertations use the NSF or NCES postsecondary databases. Fellowships of \$15,000 to support one year of research are available.
2. Research grants support institutional researchers, administrators, and faculty affiliated with U.S. postsecondary institutions or governance agencies who are conducting research using the NSF or NCES postsecondary education databases. One year grants of up to \$30,000 are available.
3. Senior fellow proposals are accepted on a rolling basis from senior institutional research officers. With NCES' support, AIR offers a fellowship to work at NCES headquarters in Washington, DC, on the organization and collection of postsecondary institutional data.
4. The Data Policy Institute will be held in the Washington, DC, area from June 16 - 26, 2003. The Institute includes hands-on instruction on the NSF and NCES postsecondary databases and seminars on postsecondary education policy. Supported by NSF and NCES, AIR offers 40 fellowships to the Institute to institutional research practitioners, faculty, graduate students, and educators affiliated with U.S. postsecondary institutions or governance agencies. One fellowship will also be awarded through each of the five international affiliated AIR groups.

The deadline to submit a proposal for a research grant, dissertation fellowship, or Data Policy Institute fellowship is January 15, 2003. For more information and to obtain proposal guidelines, please access the AIR Web site: <http://airweb.org> or contact Alicia Trexler, Phone: (850) 644-6387, E-mail: [atrexler@mailers.fsu.edu](mailto:atrexler@mailers.fsu.edu).

AIR encourages you to submit a proposal and/or pass along this email to anyone you think may be interested in the grant program. I look forward to hearing from you through the proposal process.

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