Small Grants Research Competition

Deadline: October 17, 2005

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The Texas Higher Education Opportunity Project (THEOP) will sponsor a small grants research competition for early career social scientists interested in higher education research. Eligible applicants include Ph.D. Candidates, Post-Doctoral Fellows, and Assistant Professors (less than five years post-Ph.D.) in any social science discipline. THEOP grants will provide salary support and modest research assistance for approximately 8 months. Grant recipients will be given access to the restricted-use THEOP survey and administrative data files.

Grant awardees will comprise a network of scholars that will be convened in Austin, Texas in early fall, 2006 to exchange research findings and ideas based on draft reports. Members of the review committee, as well as the members of the public advisory committee, will be invited to participate as discussants of the draft research reports.

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To apply, please submit the following items by regular or electronic mail:
• Resume or CV
• 5-7 page research proposal about higher education

Ph.D. Candidates only:
• Certification that all requirements for Ph.D. except for the thesis have been satisfied
• Supporting letter of recommendation from primary thesis advisor

Applicants must be affiliated with a research institution that provides infrastructure support, such as computing and library facilities. Applications will be judged on their creativity, the coherence of the research design, the suitability of the methods to the research question, and the viability of executing the study in the stated timeframe. Applicants’ scholarly accomplishments also will weigh in the evaluation, but promise (as reflected in the research proposal) will be most decisive.

Successful applicants will be notified by mid-November.

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