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The Committee on Government Relations is a subcommittee of the American Economic Association charged with representing the interests of the economics profession in Washington DC and other locations around the country without taking a position on questions of economic policy or on any partisan matter.

NSF, Census and BEA receive FY2012 budget allocations

The FY2012 minibus (instead of omnibus) \$182 billion appropriation bill that passed Congress in November includes budgets for National Science Foundation (NSF), the US Bureau of Census and the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA). The bill also extended the Continuing Resolution covering the remainder of government operations through December 16th. This extension covers pending appropriations for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

The NSF budget allocation for FY2012 was \$7,033,095,000 up \$173,320,000 over FY2011. The Census budget for FY2012 of \$943 million was less than its \$1.05 billion FY2011 level. BEA's budget allocation of \$92.2 million was less than the FY2011 level of \$93.4 million.

Key Government Decision-Making Positions Open

NICHD Associate Director of Extramural Programs

The Associate Director of Extramural Programs oversees the activities of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development's extramural research programs. These programs involve over 3,100 research projects, a budget in excess of \$1.1 billion, and a staff of 130 individuals. For more details about this position see <http://www.jobs.nih.gov/vacancies/executive/nichdassocdirextresch.htm>.

Application Deadline: February 1, 2012

NSF Division Director for Social and Economic Sciences

The Director of the Division of Social and Economic Sciences provides leadership and direction to the NSF Division responsible for funding research and educational activities in the social and economic sciences. See

<http://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/302811700?org=NSF>

Deadline: December 16, 2011

NIA Solicits Proposals in Neuroeconomics of Aging

The National Institute of Aging has issued two funding announcements on Social Neuroscience and Neuroeconomics of Aging. The application due date is February 5th. Go to <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-11-337.html>.

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Funding Opportunities in Interdisciplinary Research at NSF

NSF's initiatives to foster interdisciplinary research and encourage international collaborative include:

CREATIV (Creative Research Awards for Transformative Interdisciplinary Ventures)

See <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2012/nsf12011/nsf12011.jsp>

SAVI (Science Across Virtual Institutes) brings together physically and virtually researchers from different countries. See

<http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2011/nsf11087/nsf11087.jsp>

PEER (Partnerships for Enhanced Engagement in Research) builds scientific and technical capacity in the developing world. See

http://www.nsf.gov/news/news_summ.jsp?cntn_id=121003

EAR (Enhancing Access to the Radio Spectrum) a Small Business Technology Program that targets research that improves the efficiency with which the radio spectrum is used. December 16th deadline. See

<http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2011/nsf11561/nsf11561.pdf>.

SEES (Science, Engineering and Education for Sustainability) consists of the following interdisciplinary initiatives on environmental and economic sustainability:

- Sustainability Energy Pathways (NSF 11-590) Deadline: February 1, 2012
- Dynamics of Coupled Natural and Human Systems (NSF 11-612) Deadlines: May 24, 2011; February 3, 2012
- Partnerships for International Research and Education (PIRE) (NSF 11-025) Deadlines (SEES Track): May 24, 2011; February 3, 2012
- Research Coordination Networks (RCN) (NSF 11-531) Deadlines (SEES Track): May 24, 2011; February 3, 2012
- Sustainability Research Networks (NSF 11-574) Deadlines: Preliminary Proposals: December 1, 2011; Full Proposals: April 1, 2012
- Science, Engineering and Education for Sustainability Fellows (SEES Fellows) (NSF 11-575) Deadline: December 5, 2011
- Water, Sustainability and Climate (NSF 11-551) Deadline: October 19, 2011

See http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=504707 for full details.