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ARTS & CULTURE

Guggenheim Memorial Foundation

Fellowships to Assist Research and Artistic Creation

Program: The John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation annually offers fellowships to further the development of scholars and artists by assisting them to engage in research in any field of knowledge and creation in any of the arts, under the freest possible conditions and irrespective of race, color, or creed.

Funds: Grant amounts will be adjusted to the needs of fellows, based on their other resources and the purpose and scope of their plans. Members of the teaching profession receiving sabbatical leave on full or part salary are eligible for appointment, as are holders of other fellowships and of appointments at research centers. The average amount of a Fellowship grant in 2002 was approximately \$36,638.

Deadline: October 1, 2002.

Eligible: Open to citizens and permanent residents of the United States and Canada.

Info: John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, 90 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10016, Phone: 212 687-4470, Fax: 212 697-3248, Email: fellowships@gf.org, Link: <http://www.gf.org/fellow.html>

Bogliasco Foundation

Liguria Study Center Residencies

Program: The Bogliasco Foundation is currently accepting applications for fellowships during the 2003-2004 academic year. Bogliasco fellowships are awarded, without regard to nationality, to qualified persons doing advanced creative work or scholarly research in the following disciplines: archaeology, architecture, classics, dance, film or video, history, landscape architecture, literature; music, philosophy, theater, and visual arts. Applicants for fellowships are expected to demonstrate significant achievement in their disciplines, commensurate with their age and experience. In addition, they must submit descriptions of the projects they intend to pursue. An approved project is presumed to lead to the completion of an artistic, literary, or scholarly work, followed by publication, performance, exhibition, or other public presentation.

For 2003-2004, the dates are September 8 to December 12 (fall-winter), and February 9 to May 14 (winter-spring). Fellowships usually have a duration of one month (thirty-one days) or, in some cases, a half semester (forty-seven days). In special circumstances, residencies of other lengths may be approved.

Funds: During their stay at the Center, Bogliasco Fellows and accompanying spouses/companions are provided with living quarters (bedroom with private bath) and full board. Fellows are assigned separate private studios. When requested in advance, study facilities for spouses/companions may be made available, either in one of the studios or within their living quarters.

Deadline: *January 15, 2003*, for residencies during the fall-winter semester (beginning in September

2003)

April 15, 2003, for the winter-spring semester (beginning in February 2004).

Eligible: Approximately fifty Bogliasco Fellowships are awarded

Info: <http://www.liguriastudycenter.org/english/home.htm>

CHILD CARE

Massachusetts Office of Child Care Services

“Slots” for Child Care Systems

Program: Since 1998, the Office of Child Care Services (“OCCS”) has held contracts with a number of Family Child Care Systems (“Systems”) to provide subsidized child care to income eligible families in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. There continues to be a high need for subsidized child care in Massachusetts. Many families prefer to place their children, especially younger children, with family child care providers in order to take advantage of the smaller home setting. Also, a growing number of Systems wish to accept vouchers for child care and currently cannot do so unless they have an income eligible contract with OCCS. The goal of this RFR is to meet the needs of families seeking family child care for their children by expanding availability and accessibility of voucher-based child care.

The Office of Child Care Services (“OCCS”) currently holds contracts with some Family Child Care Systems. These contracts were executed in connection with the Income Eligible Request for Response issued in 1998 (RFR #98-OCCS-13). This Request for Response is aimed at family child care systems that hold income eligible contracts which will be expiring in September 2002 and at family child care systems that do not currently have any income eligible contracts with OCCS, or do not have an income eligible contract in a Region in which they wish to provide voucher care. In order to accept vouchers for child care services, family child care systems must hold an income eligible contract with OCCS and must have an administrative office located in the Region where they wish to provide child care. This RFR is being posted in response to the needs of Systems whose contracts will be expiring and Systems that cannot currently accept vouchers because they do not hold an Income Eligible Contract with OCCS in a Region where they wish to provide care, but want the ability to do so. OCCS is seeking to contract with Family Child Care Systems that are affiliated with family child care providers who provide quality child care which is responsive to the needs of low-income families. Independent family child care providers are NOT eligible to apply for this RFR. In addition, the RFR is not intended for current OCCS Family Child Care Systems providers who wish to expand their slot capacity in regions where they currently hold an OCCS contract. OCCS intends to award up to two slots to each successful bidder awarded a contract through this RFR. There will be a total of up to sixteen (16) slots available statewide.

Funds: Total funds available: \$108,466 (Estimated)

Deadline: September 6, 2002.

Eligible: See above.
Info: Joanne McMahan, One Ashburton Place, Room 1105, Boston, MA 02108, Phone: 617.626.2000, Fax: 617.626.2028, Email: Joanne.McMahan@ofc.state.ma.us or Janet.McKeon@ofc.state.ma.us, Link: http://www.comm-pass.com/Comm-PASS/Scripts/xdoc_view.idc?doc_id=013894&dept_code=&cp_xx=

DISABILITY

Department of Education /Office of Special Education Services/National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research

Research Fellowships Program

Program: The purpose of the Fellowships Program is to build research capacity by providing support to highly qualified individuals, including those who are individuals with disabilities, to conduct research about the rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities. Fellows may conduct original research in any area authorized by section 204 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. Fellows must address problems encountered by individuals in their daily lives that are due to the presence of a disabling condition, problems associated with the provision of rehabilitation services to individuals with disabilities, and problems connected with the conduct of disability research.

The program provides two categories of fellowships: *Merit Fellowships* and *Distinguished Fellowships*.

- ✓ To be eligible for a *Distinguished Fellowship*, an individual must have seven or more years of research experience in subject areas, methods, or techniques relevant to rehabilitation research and must have a doctorate, other terminal degree, or comparable academic qualifications.
- ✓ To be eligible for a *Merit Fellowship*, an individual must have either advanced professional training or independent study experience in an area that is directly pertinent to disability and rehabilitation.

Funds: Maximum Award Amount: *Merit*: \$45,000; *Distinguished*: \$55,000.
Estimated Number of Awards: 10.

Deadline: October 15, 2002.

Eligible: Only individuals who have training and experience that indicate a potential for engaging in scientific research related to the solution of rehabilitation problems of individuals with disabilities are eligible.

Note: Institutions are not eligible to be recipients of Fellowships.

Info: Grants and Contracts Services Team, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3317, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2550, Phone: (202) 205-8207, Fax: (301) 470-1244. Link: http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2002_register&docid=02-20910-filed

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**The American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD)
Leaders in Disability Community**

Program: The American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD), a national membership organization that promotes political and economic empowerment of Americans with disabilities, is currently accepting nominations/applications for the following awards programs:

The Henry B. Betts Award is presented annually to an individual who has, in the course of his or her work, helped to lead the societal transformation that is producing dramatically better outcomes and higher expectations for the diverse groups that make up the disability community in the United States. Successful nominees will have demonstrated a strong vision and understanding of how to improve the quality of life for Americans with disabilities; possess a record of efforts and accomplishments that have affected a wide disability population; and have served as a powerful force for change, enhancing the opportunities for people with disabilities to participate fully in all aspects of society. The program is collaboratively administered by the AAPD and the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago.

The Paul G. Hearne/AAPD Leadership Award is presented to up to five people with disabilities who are emerging as leaders in their respective fields. An "emerging leader" is defined as someone who has demonstrated leadership qualities in his/her personal and/or professional life and who is just starting to be recognized at a local, regional, or national level. Winners must demonstrate all of the following: leadership achievements that demonstrate a positive impact on the community of people with disabilities or within their area of disability interest; connections they have made between individuals with disabilities and others in their communities; a positive vision for the disability community and a continuing commitment to their leadership activities; and potential to contribute at a national level. United States residents with any type of disability are eligible to apply

Funds: *The Henry B. Betts Award:* The winner receives an unrestricted \$50,000 cash award and a commemorative crystal piece.

The Paul G. Hearne/AAPD Leadership Award: Recipients will receive grants of \$10,000 each.

Deadline: *The Henry B. Betts Award:* October 4, 2002.

The Paul G. Hearne/AAPD Leadership Award: November 1, 2002.

Eligible: See above.

Info: Tracey Murray, AAPD Leadership Coordinator, Phone: 770-232-9001 (voice only) or via E-mail: the-murrays@mindspring.com or AAPD Administrative Assistant Phone: 202-457-0046 (V/TTY), 1-800-840-8844 (V/TTY) or via E-mail: aapd@aol.com. Link: <http://www.aapd.com/>

EDUCATION

**Department of Education/Office of Vocational and Adult Education
College and Career Transitions Initiative (CCTI)--Cooperative Agreement
CFDA No: 84.051B**

- Program:** The purpose of the college and career transitions initiative (CCTI) is to strengthen the role of community and technical colleges in easing student transitions between secondary and postsecondary education, and improving academic performance at both the secondary and postsecondary levels.
- Funds:** Estimated amount of award: \$2,500,000.
Estimated number of awards: 1.
- Deadline:** September 11, 2002.
- Eligible:** Consortia that include both: (1) a national or international, non-profit, private membership organization--chiefly comprised of institutions of higher education that offer a two-year, associate degree or certificate program-- and (2) two or more individual institutions of higher education that offer a two-year associate degree or certificate program.
- Info:** Scott Hess, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 4332, Mary Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-7241, Phone: (202) 205-9422, Email: Scott.Hess@ed.gov, Link: http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2002_register&docid=02-20359-filed .
- FR:** 8/12 52458-52461

National Science Foundation

Assessment of Student Achievement in Undergraduate Education (ASA)

- Program:** This program supports the development and dissemination of assessment practices, materials (tools), and measures to guide efforts that improve the effectiveness of courses, curricula, programs of study, and academic institutions in promoting student learning in science, mathematics, engineering, and technology (SMET). The program also promotes the full integration of assessment with these educational efforts.
- Funds:** Total funds available: \$3 million.
Number of awards: 20.
- Deadline:** September 4, 2002.
- Eligible:** An individual may serve as the lead Principal Investigator (PI) on no more than one proposal per round of competition, but may serve as a co-PI on multiple proposals. In all proposals, at least one investigator must be a SMET faculty member.
- Info:** Suzanne Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, Division of Administrative Services, National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA 22230, or to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for National Science Foundation (3145-0058), 725 17th Street, N.W. Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 20503.
Link: <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2001/nsf0182/nsf0182.txt>

National Science Foundation

Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP)

- Program:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) aims to ensure the vitality of the human resource base of science, mathematics, and engineering in the United States and to reinforce its diversity by offering approximately 900 graduate fellowships each year, including awards

for women in engineering and computer and information science. Fellowships provide three years of support for graduate study leading to research-based master's or doctoral degrees in the fields of science, mathematics, and engineering supported by the NSF and are intended for students in the early stages of their graduate study.

Funds: Currently \$21,500 stipend for a 12-month tenure plus \$10,500 cost-of-education allowance per tenure year; however, an increase in stipend is expected. All award amounts referred to in this publication are pending availability of funds.

Estimated Number of Awards: 900

Deadline: November 7, 2002.

Eligible: Fellowships are awarded for graduate study in fields supported by the NSF, including the mathematical, physical, biological, behavioral and social sciences; engineering; the history of science and the philosophy of science; and for research-based PhD degrees in science education. Applicants must be United States citizens or nationals, or permanent resident aliens of the United States.

Info: NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program ,Oak Ridge Associated Universities P.O. Box 3010 ,Oak Ridge, TN 37831-3010 ,phone: (866) 353-0905, e- mail: nsfgrfp@orau.gov, Link: <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2002/nsf02150/nsf02150.htm>

**Department of Education/ Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services
National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research--Assistive Technology Act (AT Act)
Technical Assistance Program**

Program: The purpose of the Assistive Technology Act of 1998 (AT Act) Technical Assistance Program is to award grants to entities to address issues raised by interested parties; collect data in order to provide information about assistive technology (AT) devices and services that can be used for determining policy; and provide information on increased access to AT devices, AT services and other disability-related resources.

Absolute Priority 1--Technical Assistance to AT State Grant Program Grantees and Other Public Entities

- ✓ Address State-specific information requests concerning AT from grantees and other public entities, including: (a) Requests for state-of-the-art, or model, Federal, State, and local laws, regulations, policies, practices, procedures, and organizational structures, that facilitate, and overcome barriers to, funding for, and access to, AT devices and AT services; (b) Requests for examples of policies, practices, procedures, regulations, administrative hearing decisions, or legal actions, that have enhanced or may enhance access to and funding for AT devices and AT services for individuals with disabilities
- ✓ Assist targeted individuals (as defined in section 3(a)(14) of the AT Act) by disseminating information about: (a) Federal, State, and local laws, regulations, policies, practices, procedures, and organizational structures, that facilitate, and overcome barriers to, funding for, and access to, AT devices and AT services, to promote fuller independence, productivity, and inclusion in society for individuals

with disabilities of all ages; and (b) Technical assistance activities listed above.

Absolute Priority 2--Technical Assistance to AT Protection and Advocacy (P&A) Program Grantees and Other Public Entities

- ✓ Address State-specific information requests concerning AT from grantees and other public entities, including: (a) Requests for state-of-the-art, or model, Federal, State, and local laws, regulations, policies, practices, procedures, and organizational structures, that facilitate, and overcome barriers to, funding for, and access to, AT devices and AT services; (b) Requests for examples of policies, practices, procedures, regulations, administrative hearing decisions, or legal actions, that have enhanced or may enhance access to and funding for AT devices and AT services for individuals with disabilities; (c) Other requests for technical assistance from grantees and other public entities;
- ✓ Assist targeted individuals (as defined in section (3)(a)(14) of the AT Act) by disseminating information about: (a) Federal, State, and local laws, regulations, policies, practices, procedures, and organizational structures, that facilitate, and overcome barriers to, funding for, and access to, AT devices and AT services, to promote fuller independence, productivity, and inclusion in society for individuals with disabilities of all ages; and (b) Technical assistance activities listed above.

Absolute Priority 3--Establishment and Maintenance of a National Assistive Technology Internet Site

- ✓ Availability of information at any time--The site shall be designed so that any member of the public may obtain information posted on the site at any time.
- ✓ Innovative Automated Intelligent Agent--The site shall be constructed with an innovative automated intelligent agent that is a diagnostic tool for assisting users in problem definition and the selection of appropriate AT devices and AT resources.
- ✓ Resources. (a) Library on Assistive Technology--The site shall include access to a comprehensive working library on AT for all environments, including home, workplace, transportation, and other environments. (b) Resources for a Number of Disabilities--The site shall include resources relating to the largest possible number of disabilities, including resources relating to low-level reading skills.
- ✓ Links to Private Sector Resources and Information--To the extent feasible, the site shall be linked to relevant private sector resources and information, under agreements developed between the institution of higher education and cooperating private sector entities.
- ✓ Minimum Library Components--At a minimum, the Internet site shall maintain updated information on: (a) How to plan, develop, implement, and evaluate activities to further extend comprehensive statewide programs of technology.

Funds:

Absolute Priority 1--Technical Assistance to AT State Grant Program Grantees and Other Public Entities- \$525,000, one award
Absolute Priority 2--Technical Assistance to AT Protection and Advocacy (P&A) Program Grantees and Other Public Entities-\$160,000, one award
Absolute Priority 3--Establishment and Maintenance of a National Assistive Technology

Deadline: *Internet Site*- \$250,000, one award
September 11, 2002.

Eligible: *Priority 1 and Priority 2:* States, public or private agencies including for-profit organizations, institutions of higher education, and Indian tribes and tribal organizations.

Priority 3: Institutions of higher education that emphasize research and engineering, have a multidisciplinary research center, and have demonstrated expertise in (1) working with AT and intelligent agent interactive information dissemination systems; (2) managing libraries of AT and disability-related resources; (3) delivering education, information, and referral services to individuals with disabilities, including technology-based curriculum development services for adults with low-level reading skills; (4) developing cooperative partnerships with the private sector, particularly with private sector computer software, hardware, and Internet services entities; and (5) developing and designing advanced Internet sites.

Info: Donna Nangle, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3412, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2645, Phone: (202) 205-5880, Email: Donna.Nangle@ed.gov, Link: http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2002_register&docid=02-20364-filed

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HEALTH

Alcoholic Beverage Medical Research Foundation Research on Alcohol-Related Problems

Program: The Alcoholic Beverage Medical Research Foundation (ABMRF) is the largest independent nonprofit foundation in North America devoted solely to supporting research on the effects of alcohol on health, behavior, and prevention of alcohol-related problems. Overall, the following areas are more directly related to the mission of the foundation, and therefore, are of greater interest: factors influencing transitions in drinking patterns and behavior; effects of moderate use of alcohol on health and well-being; mechanisms underlying the behavioral and biomedical effects of alcohol; and biobehavioral/interdisciplinary research on the etiology of alcohol misuse. The foundation does not encourage applications on treatment of the complications of advanced alcoholism. However, research involving treatment intended to elucidate the pathogenesis of alcohol-related problems will be considered. Non-research activities such as education projects, public awareness efforts, and referral services are not eligible for support. The foundation does not support training of pre- and post-doctoral fellows, graduate students and medical students, or interns and residents, and does not fund thesis or dissertation research.

Funds: Most grants do not exceed \$40,000.
Deadline: September 1, 2002 and February 1, 2003
Eligible: Grants are made to academic and research institutions in the United States and Canada, not to individuals.
Info: ABMRF, Attn: Grant Reviews, 1122 Kenilworth Drive, Suite 407, Baltimore, MD 21204
e-mail request for applications to: info@abmrf.org.
Link: <http://www.abmrf.org/>

Department of Health and Human Services

Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Education and Training Program

Program: The Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2002 funds for a cooperative agreement to provide health promotion and disease prevention educational and training opportunities for medical students, preventive medicine residents, primary care residents, and practicing physicians.

Funds: Approximately \$125,000 will be available in fiscal year 2002.

Deadline: September 16, 2002.

Eligible: To qualify for funding, an applicant must be a professional organization/society or institution of higher learning responsible for the education of medical students, preventive-medicine residents, primary-care residents, and practicing physicians from communities across the country. Eligible applicant organizations are encouraged to apply as partnerships. Faith-based organizations that meet the definition of a professional organization/society or institution of higher learning responsible for the training of those populations listed above are eligible to apply for this Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Education and Training Program Cooperative Agreement.

Info: Ms. Sally Jones, Administrative Officer, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Hubert H. Humphrey Building Room 738-G, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201, Phone: (202) 260-7654,

Link: http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2002_register&docid=02-20306-filed

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The Avon Breast Care Fund

Grants

Program: The Avon Breast Care Fund provides financial support in the form of grants to programs that conduct community outreach, provide breast-cancer education, and link medically underserved women to clinical screening services. Funding is awarded to organizations providing access to clinical breast exams, mammograms, and education to low-income, minority, underserved, underinsured, and uninsured women. All funded programs must utilize the three-part approach to breast cancer early detection, including regular screening mammography, clinical breast examination, and breast self-examination. The Fund is currently accepting applications for the 2003 round of funding. The Fund will award grants to community-based programs and/or health-care agencies (e.g., community health centers, cancer centers, and women's health centers) that provide medically underserved women aged 40 and older with direct access to breast-cancer education,

annual clinical screening services, and prompt follow-up care.

Funds: Total funds available: \$6.6 million.
Number of awards: 130.
Range of grant awards: \$30,000 to \$60,000.
Average grant size: \$45,000.
Approximately 15 projects will be funded at an enhanced level of about \$100,000 a year. To ensure that smaller community-based organizations receive funding, the Fund will seek to award at least 40 percent of the grants to organizations with operating budgets under \$1,000,000.

Deadline: September 6, 2002.

Eligible: To be eligible for funding, applicants must be based in the United States, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, or Guam, and be private, non-government, nonprofit organizations (with federal nonprofit status). Both community-based organizations and medical service provider organizations (community clinics, hospitals, etc.) with mammography screening capacity are welcome to apply. Any publicly funded government agency wishing to apply may do so only by partnering with a private, nonprofit organization or educational institution that will assume fiscal responsibility for and collaborate fully with the proposed program. All organizations applying for funds must have been in existence for at least two years.

Info: Coordinated by, Cicatelli Associates Inc. 505 Eighth Avenue, Suite 1601,
New York, N.Y. 10018-6505, Phone (212) 594-7741, Fax (212) 629-3321,
Link: http://www.avonbreastcare.org/fr_funding.htm

Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Breast Cancer Training Grants and Breast Cancer Research Grants

Program: For eighteen years, the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation has provided funding for basic, clinical, and translational breast cancer research and for innovative projects in the areas of breast health education and breast cancer screening and treatment. The Komen Foundation is currently accepting applications for Breast Cancer Training Grants and Breast Cancer Research Grants:

- ✓ *The Dissertation Research Award* funds doctoral candidates in the health and social sciences to conduct dissertation research on breast health and breast cancer. Funding of up to \$30,000 over two years is available. Applicants from doctoral programs in the health professions (such as health services management, medical sciences, nursing, nutrition, public health, rehabilitation), anthropology, education, mental health professions, psychology, sociology, or related areas may apply. Candidates must have completed all pre-dissertation requirements at an accredited university in the United States (or similarly recognized higher education institution in other countries), be well-advanced in the preparation of their dissertation proposal at the time of application submission, and expect to complete their dissertation within two years of the grant award.

- ✓ *The Postdoctoral Fellowships program* provides fellowship support in the area of

breast cancer research, public health, or epidemiology. Areas of study must be relevant to breast health and breast cancer. This program is offered with the intent to support postdoctoral fellows to begin or continue independent investigations in breast health and breast cancer. The program offers funding of \$45,000 per year for three years. A principal investigator from the same institution must sponsor applicants. The fellowship candidate must be no more than three years past completion of his/her Ph.D. or equivalent or five years past completion of his/her M.D. or comparable doctoral degree in the clinical health profession. U.S. citizenship or residency is not required.

- ✓ *Basic, Clinical and Translations Research* grants offer up to \$250,000 over a two- or three-year period (combined direct and indirect costs) in the areas of complementary and alternative medicine; detection and diagnosis; prognosis; risk, prevention, and epidemiology; local treatment; psychosocial treatment; systemic treatment; and tumor cell biology.
- ✓ *Imaging Technology grants* of up to \$250,000 (combined direct and indirect costs) are awarded over a two- or three-year period for research into the early detection and diagnosis of breast cancer.
- ✓ *Population Specific Research Projects* fund innovative research in the prevention and control of breast cancer within specific populations at risk for the disease. The focus of the program is to support research designed to assess and identify unique needs, trends, barriers, and solutions to breast healthcare among populations such as African American, Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders, Hispanic/Latina, Native American, lesbians, low literacy, breast cancer survivors, women with disabilities, and other defined communities. Areas of interest include cancer prevention and control, behavioral science research, epidemiology, and health service delivery programs. Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate collaboration with a community-based organization. The program offers funding of up to \$250,000 over a two- or three-year period.

Funds: See above.

Deadline: September 17, 2002 (Electronic Abstract Submission).

Eligible: See above.

Info: The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, 5005 LBJ Freeway, Suite 250 Dallas, Texas USA 75244, Phone: 888-300-5582, Fax: 972-855-1640, Link: <http://www.komen.org/grants/available.asp>

National Multiple Sclerosis Society Fellowships for Young Researchers

Program: The National Multiple Sclerosis Society has created the Career Transition Fellowship to help foster the development and productivity of young scientists who have the potential to make significant contributions to MS research. The Career Transition Fellowship targets current postdoctoral trainees who demonstrate both commitment and exceptional potential

to conduct MS-related research

- Funds:** The award provides approximately \$550,000 over five years to support a two-year period of advanced postdoctoral training in MS research and the first three years of research support in a new faculty appointment.
- Deadline:** Preliminary application: September 1, 2002.
- Eligible:** Applicants must hold a doctoral degree (M.D., Ph.D., or equivalent) and must be in a research-oriented postdoctoral training program at an academic, government, or nonprofit research institution. Individuals with less than two or more than four years of postdoctoral research experience at the initiation of the fellowship will be ineligible. Clinically related training periods such as medical residencies or sub-specialty fellowships will not be counted towards postdoctoral research experience.
- Info:** Timothy Coetzee, PhD, Director, Research Training Programs, Phone: (212) 476-0478, Email: timothy.coetzee@nmss.org, Link: <http://www.nationalmssociety.org/Research-CareerTransition.asp>

MISCELLANEOUS

Department of Labor/ Office of the Secretary International Labor Reporting Initiative

- Program:** The U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL), Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB), will award funds for up to three cooperative agreements to an organization or organizations to develop and implement projects to assist ILAB, as mandated by its 2002 Congressional Appropriation, to build its permanent capacity to monitor and report regularly and in-depth to the Congress on the extent to which foreign countries with trade and investment agreements with the United States respect internationally recognized worker rights and promote core labor standards. USDOL is seeking applications from qualified organizations for the implementation of innovative, effective, and sustainable approaches to quality information gathering at the global, regional, or national level.
- Funds:** Total funds available: \$3 million.
Number of awards: 3.
- Deadline:** September 11, 2002.
- Eligible:** Any commercial, international, or non-profit organization, which may include faith-based organizations, capable of successfully implementing a project to advance labor reporting is eligible for this cooperative agreement. An applicant may partner with one or more organizations to implement a project.
- Info:** Lisa Harvey, U.S. Department of Labor, Procurement Services Center, Phone: (202) 693-4570, Email: harvey-lisa@dol.gov.
Link: http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2002_register&docid=02-20463-filed
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TRANSPORTATION

**Department of Transportation/ National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Discretionary Cooperative Agreement To Advance Occupant Protection Technology in Passenger Vehicles**

- Program:** The proposed cooperative research agreement program seeks to establish collaborative research efforts between NHTSA and a qualified research organization to study advanced methodologies for occupant protection in passenger vehicle crashes. The collaboration will include problem definition, sharing of scientific and technical data, joint research and the development of new methodologies and technologies for occupant crash protection. Research areas could include, but are not limited to, the following:
- ✓ Advanced frontal occupant restraints.
 - ✓ Advanced air bag inflator and/or air bag inflation methodologies.
 - ✓ Adaptive air bag systems to tailor bag deployment over the expected range of crash severities, occupant sizes, occupant ages, occupant positioning, etc.
 - ✓ Advanced occupant seating systems.
 - ✓ Ejection mitigation technologies.
 - ✓ Intrusion resistance countermeasures.
 - ✓ Coupling of air bag inflation with anticipatory crash sensing technologies.
- Funds:** Range of grant awards: \$25,000 to \$150,00.
- Deadline:** September 16, 2002.
- Eligible:** Applicants must be a for-profit organization (small or large), a non-profit organization, or an educational institution. Consortiums of organizations from any of the above categories may apply.
- Info:** Henrietta R. Mosley, Office of Contracts and Procurement. All questions and requests for copies may be directed by e-mail at hmosley@nhtsa.dot.gov or by telephone at (202) 366-9570. Link: http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2002_register&docid=02-20882-filed
- FR:** 8/16 53641-53643

WOMEN & GIRLS

Balance Oasis Opens

Creative And Innovative Female Business Owners

- Program:** The Balance Oasis Grants are \$10,000 grants for creative and dynamic entrepreneurial women. Grants will be awarded to women who want to implement a Creative Business Idea to improve their existing business or organization. Grants will be awarded to women who want to improve their business or organization by implementing a new, creative business idea.
- Funds:** Four grants will be awarded in 2002.
- Deadline:** October 31, 2002.
- Eligible:** Women, above the age of 18, who currently own and operate their own business or other professional organization (non-profit, etc). BALANCE OASIS asks that you express in 1,000 words or less the nature of your original creative business idea (Statement of Purpose).
- Info:** Balance Bar Company, P.O. Box 1031, Rye Brook, NY 10573, phone:

1-800-678-4246 Link:

<http://www.balanceoasis.com/start.asp?pn=community%2Fgrants%2Fdefault%2Easp>