



Grants Development Office



MOVING TRITON COLLEGE FORWARD

Funding Opportunities Newsletter/ February 2021

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recent Awards

- ❖ This past November, the **Child Development Center** received a third round of funding from the Childcare Restoration grant program (a part of the Illinois Business Interruption Grants [BIG] program). The Center will use the \$11,766 award to cover expenses associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ❖ In January, Triton received \$10,068,612 from the **Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II)**, which was established under the **Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA)**. As with HEERF I, which Triton received under the CARES Act, a minimum portion of the total award must be distributed to students as emergency aid (\$2,105,949); the remaining portion (\$7,962,663) may be used to cover pandemic-related institutional expenses.
Triton also received an additional \$2,679 from HEERF I under the Minority Serving Institution category. These funds will be used to cover pandemic-related institutional expenses.
- ❖ Congratulations to **Rudy Gostowski** and the students on his rocket team for securing \$1,500 from the NASA MINDS program! The award will support the design and fabrication of a high concentration hydrogen peroxide (HTP) monopropellant rocket thruster. This activity is the first milestone in a proof of concept for use of in-situ HTP as a rocket propellant.
- ❖ Congratulations to **Antigone Sharris** and **Andrea Blaylock** for a \$1,000 award from the Nuts, Bolts and Thingamajigs Foundation! For the past three years, the Foundation has supported Triton's GADgET and GLoW summer camp programs, which introduce girls aged 12–16 to STEM fields through hands-on projects and site visits to manufacturing facilities.
- ❖ Congratulations to the **Department of Continuing Education** for a \$75,000 award from the AmeriCorps Seniors Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)! Funding supports the RSVP of West Suburban Cook and Southern DuPage Counties, a program established 36 years ago and located on the Triton College campus. The program recruits volunteers aged 55 years and older for a variety of community service projects.

FEDERAL

Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO)

WIOA Youth Career Pathways Grant

Deadline: April 1, 2021

Award: \$500,000

The WIOA Youth Career Pathways Grant Program solicits proposals from eligible organizations to strengthen career pathway systems. The goal of the program is two-fold: 1) To address the sharp increase in unemployment among Illinois youth (aged 16–24) as a result of the pandemic (in 2020, unemployment rose from 4.3% in March to 12.8% in May), and 2) To advance the vision, principles, goals, and strategies articulated within the State of Illinois WIOA Unified State Plan and the priorities outlined in the Regional and Local Workforce Plans. All applicants must demonstrate committed partnerships with entities such as secondary schools, employers, and workforce development boards, and all projects must incorporate essential employability skills, financial and digital literacy training, and assessments (e.g., academic, technical, occupational, career interest, etc.). The DCEO will prioritize certain project models and target populations, including but not limited to accelerated credential programs, youth with disabilities, and pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs (full list available in the notice of funding opportunity). The DCEO will host a bidder's conference on February 3 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. (register here: <https://illinoisstate.zoom.us/meeting/register/tjjud-CppzItG9YSXuzVLikTzlhfk8RF8jWm>).

<https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/GATA/Grants/SitePages/CSFA.aspx>

U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)

Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) Education and Workforce Development

Deadline: Varies by project area (see description below)

Award: \$500,000–\$750,000

The AFRI Education and Workforce Development Program's mission is to develop the next generation of research, education, and extension professionals in the food and agricultural sciences. The program is soliciting proposals for education and training projects within one of the following areas:

1. *Growing Agricultural Literacy and Workforce Development for the Future*: Provides K-14 teachers and administrators funding to develop improved curricula for training the agricultural workforce. (Due June 10, 2021)
2. *Training or Retraining of Agricultural Workers*: Funds the creation or expansion of workforce training programs at community and technical colleges. The goal is to ensure graduates are technologically savvy and prepared for today's industrial jobs. (Due June 17, 2021)
3. *Developing Pathways*: Supports the development of non-formal education activities that cultivate interest and competencies in STEM and in food and agricultural sciences. Data science, including artificial intelligence, automation, and robotics, as well as gene editing and biotechnology, will be supported in this program area. (Due May 6, 2021)

<https://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/agriculture-and-food-research-initiative-education-workforce-development>

FOUNDATION

Dr. Scholl Foundation

Deadline: March 1, 2021

Award: \$5,000–\$25,000

The Dr. Scholl Foundation, located in Northbrook, Illinois, prioritizes funding for education, social services, healthcare, the environment, and civic and cultural projects. Grants are considered on an annual basis and may be submitted anytime between October 1 and March 1. Prospective grantees are notified of the Board's decision in November and, if approved, grant payments are made in December of the grant year.

<https://www.drschollfoundation.com/>

Foundation for Financial Planning

Deadline: April 30, 2021

Award: \$5,000–\$40,000

The Foundation for Financial Planning provides grants to a range of community-based and national 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations whose programs provide underserved individuals with free, quality financial advice from Certified Financial Planner™ (CFP®) professionals. Proposed projects must 1) engage Certified Financial Planner™ professionals as volunteers, 2) include one-on-one engagements between financial planner volunteers and pro bono clients, fostering personalized financial planning advice and counsel, and 3) help people in need of financial guidance or in a financial crisis who are underserved by the market and couldn't ordinarily access quality, ethical advice. The Foundation will fund existing programs, new programs, or a new financial planning component to enhance an existing program.

<https://ffpprobono.org/our-work/grants/>

Westinghouse Charitable Giving Program

Deadline: Ongoing

Award: Unspecified

The Westinghouse Charitable Giving Program supports projects that fall into one of three strategic funding areas: 1) Education with a focus on STEM, 2) Environmental sustainability, and 3) Community safety and vitality. For STEM education, the program considers projects that enhance curriculum with STEM subject matter or that spark students' interest in STEM-related careers. Environmental sustainability projects should be designed to preserve or restore land, air, water, or biodiversity. Community safety and vitality projects improve the overall quality of life within a community, including within the workplace, by supporting initiatives that enhance safety and public well-being.

<https://www.westinghousenuclear.com/about/community-and-education/charitable-giving-program/program-details-and-application-process>

Many of these opportunities are time-sensitive and require a quick response time. Please email christinaskasa@triton.edu, raquelcotuno@triton.edu, or normavillasenor@triton.edu (or contact us at ext. 3631) if you are interested in any of these funding opportunities.



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