

# AIR UPDATES

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## 2007 AIR Grant Program Deadline

January 16, 2007, is the deadline to submit a proposal for the AIR 2007 Grants Program.

- **Research grants up to \$30,000** are available to institutional researchers, faculty, and administrators affiliated with U.S. postsecondary institutions or governance agencies.
- **Dissertation fellowships of \$15,000** are available to doctoral students in all disciplines.
- **Two Senior Fellowships are available** for individuals interested in a project improving the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) process, data collection, data dissemination, or data use.
- **Fellowships to the annual National Summer Data Policy Institute** are also available.

The AIR Grant Programs offer opportunities for advancing research on postsecondary education. Please visit the AIR Web site <http://airweb.org/grants.html> for more information and to access the proposal guidelines.

## 2007 PDS Institute Series

This is the fifteenth year of the AIR Institute series, which was developed by the Professional Development Services Committee (PDS) in response to requests for professional development opportunities focusing on key components of institutional research. Registration will open in February 2007.

***Foundations I Institute: The Practice of Institutional Research*** will be held July 9-13, 2007, at the DePaul University Center in Chicago, Illinois.

*Foundations I: The Practice of Institutional Research* provides a focused, intensive and structured learning environment that supports new institutional research (IR) practitioners seeking to develop skills in core areas of institutional research.



***Foundations II Institute: The Advanced Practice of Institutional Research*** will be held July 30- August 3, 2007, at Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

*Foundations II: The Advanced Practice of Institutional Research* is designed for established institutional research practitioners seeking to advance their career toward senior leadership and administrative positions in IR. Topics include strategic planning, information technologies, institutional effectiveness, office management and advanced statistics.

## **Julia M. Duckwall Memorial Scholarship**

The Julia M. Duckwall Scholarship program will be awarded in June 2007 for up to two individuals attending each of the Institutes in the PDS Institute series. The submission deadline is May 1, 2007. For more information, please visit <http://airweb.org/awards.html>

*The picture on the front cover of this issue of AIR Updates is a typically beautiful winter day at the new AIR office in Tallahassee, Florida. For more pictures of the new office, visit <http://airweb.org>.*

## Elections

Attention all eligible voters: Visit the AIR Web site, <http://airweb.org> and vote for the 2007-08 elections! The last day to submit your vote is January 16, 2007.

## PDS Spring 2007 Drive-In Workshop

As part of the AIR Professional Development series, AIR is beginning one-day *Drive-In Workshops*. On February 2, 2007, AIR will host its first *Drive-In Workshop* at the Doubletree Hotel Annapolis in Annapolis, Maryland. Topics are:

### **Regression Analysis for Categorical Data**

This advanced statistical workshop will cover binary, multinomial and ordinal logistic regression models, with an emphasis on understanding model coefficients and using them to calculate probability. Participants are required to bring a laptop with SPSS installed. Registration is limited to 25 participants.

- Cost to members is \$185 and \$320 for non-members.

### **Office Management**

This module introduces and discusses proven management techniques that will assist IR professionals in finding the appropriate balance among competing priorities and set measurable, realistic and achievable goals. Registration is limited to 35 participants.

- Cost to members is \$205 and \$320 for non-members.



The *AIR Drive-In Workshops* are one-day modules conducted by IR professionals on selected IR topics. These workshops are designed to be easily accessible to individuals located up to two hours outside of Annapolis.

### Schedule at a Glance:

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Registration
10:00 a.m.	Workshops begin
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Workshops Resume
4:00 p.m.	Workshops Conclude

Participants may register online via the AIR Web site <http://airweb.org>. There is a registration cap for each workshop, so please register early!

## *Graduate News*

**EARLY WARNING!** Call for proposals for a new graduate school fellowship program for institutional research to be made in early February. Watch the AIR Web page!

**With support from NCES, AIR will begin a fellowship program for graduate study leading to a career in institutional research.** The program guidelines and call for proposals are under development and will be posted on the AIR Web site in early February. No other information will be available until that time.

### **Fellowships for up to \$10,000**

annually for up to three years will be awarded competitively for full or part-time graduate study at accredited U.S. universities at the certificate, masters or doctoral levels.

The guidelines and online proposal form, both available in early February, will specify detailed eligibility requirements, but generally, fellowship applicants will have to be U.S. citizens and either continuing graduate students or if a first-time graduate student, employed in institutional research in a U.S. college or university.

Get the latest news on this new fellowship by visiting <http://airweb.org>!

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## Publications

Renew your journal subscriptions today! New volumes and editions of AIR publications are also available. Use the new order form included in this mailing to order your publication.

Each member receives a complimentary copy of *Supporting Assessment in Undergraduate Mathematics*, <http://www.maa.org/saum>, with each purchase of the new volume of *Assessment of Student Learning in College Mathematics: Towards Improved Programs and Courses*, Edited by Bernard L. Madison, while quantities last!

AIR will now offer five issues of *New Directions in Institutional Research*. The fifth issue will be devoted to assessment. The cost for the five issues will be approximately \$60. More information will be available in February on the AIR Web site.

## Awards

Nominate a colleague for an AIR award! Visit <http://airweb.org/awards.html> for more information on each award. The awards and deadlines are listed below:

AIR Distinguished Membership Award	January 31, 2007
AIR Outstanding Service Award	January 31, 2007

AIR 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Forum: June 2-6, 2007

### Important Dates

February 26, 2007	Forum Early Registration Opens
May 3, 2007	Deadline for AIR hotel rate of \$153.00
May 16, 2007	Forum Attendee Early Registration Deadline

### Hotel Information

Hotel Group Rate (Hyatt Regency or Westin)

- \$153.00 per night (single/double occupancy)

To book your room, visit <http://airweb.org/forumhotels.html>

Forum Early Registration (postmarked by May 16, 2007):

- Current Individual Member: \$415.00
- Non-Member Individual: \$530.00
- Current Graduate Student Member: \$80.00
- Graduate Student Non-Member: \$110.00

AIR 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Forum: Did you know?

AIR was recently ranked number 21 on the *Top 25 List of Top Conventions Booked for 2007* in the November 10, 2006 issue of the *Kansas City Business Journal*. AIR's "Listmaker" status does more than just rank AIR in a journal; it promotes AIR as a leader in the Kansas City business marketplace. The weekly lists, a regular feature of the newspaper, are highly read and extremely popular with the *Kansas City Business Journal* readers. They are read, re-read, routed, faxed, copied and more than any other feature of the journal. The Top 25 List is ranked by the projected room nights each group reserves for their event.

