

## March 2008 EPSCoR Travel Awards – Social Science Component

This document is designed to help applicants prepare their application for social science component EPSCoR Travel Grants. Travel awards will be granted under two categories: collaboration and exchange, and conference travel.

### Collaboration and Exchange

The goal of this funding is to strengthen social science research networks inside and outside of Alaska. Funds can support UA faculty travel expenses for travel to, from or within Alaska in order to meet with colleagues and develop research proposals and papers. Funds can also be requested to pay for the travel of non-UA scholars for travel to Alaska.

This call for applications is open to all UA faculty in the social sciences. A primary objective of this program is to provide opportunities for scholars at all UA campuses. In particular, we encourage collaborative research proposals which can potentially impact productivity in several departments and/or across campuses. Interdisciplinary proposals consistent with the themes of UA EPSCoR phase III will receive priority.

We encourage applications at all scales of funding, but we expect the average grant to be \$1000. The committee may choose to partially fund some requests and in providing budget details applicants should include other sources of funding sought or available for this travel.

In addition to the requirements listed in the general call for applications, applicants are especially encouraged to address the following in their application:

- relevance to EPSCoR Phase III research focus, and in particular to the social science research focus (full proposal is available at: <http://www.alaska.edu/epscor/focus/social/>)
- interdisciplinarity, distinguishing if appropriate interdisciplinarity across the social sciences from interdisciplinarity between social and natural/physical sciences
- expected impact of the collaboration on the UA community
- envisioned end product of the collaboration
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### Conference Travel

The goal of this funding is to support UA faculty, post-docs and graduate students in disseminating their research findings nationally and internationally.

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We expect these travel awards to be supplemented with funds from other sources, and we expect the average grant would not exceed \$500. The committee may choose to partially fund some requests and in providing budget details, applicants should include other sources of funding sought or available for this travel.

In addition to the requirements listed in the general call for applications, applicants are especially encouraged to address the following in their application:

- relevance to EPSCoR Phase III research focus, and in particular to the social science research focus (full proposal is available at: <http://www.alaska.edu/epscor/focus/social/>)
- how participation in the conference will build capacity within the UA community
- other benefits expected from attending the conference