

**NKU, OFFICE OF RESEARCH, GRANTS AND CONTRACTS
PROPOSALS AWARDED FUNDING
FISCAL YEAR 2005 (MARCH 2005)**

Department	Principal Investigator	Project Title	Funding Agency	Award Notification Date	Project Duration	Amount of Award
Biological Sciences	Richard Boyce	Assessing the Effects of Amur Honeysuckle Control on Native Plants at Woodland Mound Park	Hamilton County Park District	3/18/05	3/15/05 - 11/14/05	\$ 1,393

The purpose of this project is to learn at what age threshold Amur honeysuckle shrub canopies may be removed and the native plant community will recover, without further intervention. This will aid the Hamilton County Parks District in its management plans, as they can then focus their limited resources on controlling honeysuckle strands that are most likely to recover without further management.

Curriculum, Accreditation, and Assessment	Mary Lepper	Northern Kentucky University Low-Income Tax Clinic	Internal Revenue Service	3/2/05	1/1/05 - 12/31/05	\$ 50,000
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The NKU Low-Income Tax Clinic provides tax assistance for English as a second language and low income tax payers. Primary service is for tax controversy and outreach/education.

Elementary, Middle, and Secondary Programs	Yvonne Meichtry	Biodiversity in the Natural and Cultural World: A Collaboration of Nine Universities	U.S. Dept of Education KY Council on Postsecondary Education	3/10/05	3/1/05 - 6/30/06	\$ 60,000
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An NKU graduate course called "Aquatic Ecology for Teachers" will be offered at the Thomas More College Biology Field Station during the summer session of 2005. This course involves a collaboration of Northern Kentucky University, Thomas More College, school districts and a variety of community and state agencies.

Elementary, Middle, and Secondary Programs	Lynne Smith	The Kentucky Reading Project/ Collaborative Center for Literacy Development	Kentucky Department of Education	3/4/05	4/1/05 - 5/31/06	\$ 66,000
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This grant will fund the Collaborative Center for Literacy Development, consisting of a summer workshop and follow-up sessions during the year.

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Physics and Geology	Charles Hawkins	Digital Science Partnership	National Aeronautics and Space Administration	3/23/05	4/1/05 - 3/31/06	\$ 1,588,572

Project establishes a digital planetarium at NKU and remote observing capabilities in the planetarium at University of Louisville. The systems will be used in introductory classes and in upper level student projects. In addition, outreach programs for P-12 students will be established and materials created for use by students that visit the planetariums.

Technology	Candace Sellers	Perkins Local Funding - Supplemental FY 2004 Funds	U.S. Dept of Education	3/3/05	3/1/04 - 2/28/05	\$ 4,200
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This grant is intended to enhance the technical education programs for students enrolled in associate and certificate degree programs and to provide support and skills to promote employability.

Technology	Melody Rawlings	Using Blackboard to Increase Interaction and Reinforce Learning in the Classroom	U.S. Dept of Education	3/23/05	6/1/05 - 6/30/05	\$ 1,040
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Training will be conducted through a hands-on approach of practical applications of the Blackboard system for busy teachers.

Total Number of Awards: 7

Total Funds Awarded: \$1,771,205