Call for Proposals: Grains for Integrating Research & Teaching

The Research Council at UW-Green Bay is seeking to fund proposals for integrating research and teaching. Grants of up to $1000 are available to assist faculty efforts that combine scholarly and pedagogical activities. This grant opportunity is designed to acknowledge and encourage collaborative research between UW-Green Bay faculty and integrate students into scholarly work. Student participation must be included in proposed projects. Requests should focus on how student participation in research projects will be integrated into the faculty members’ teaching pedagogy and/or offer a meaningful, significant, mentorship experience for students involved in collaborative research with faculty. Anyone with faculty status at UWGB is eligible to apply for Grants for Integrating Research & Teaching funding. Funding levels depend on the scope of the project proposed. The likelihood of funding is enhanced if the proposal clearly demonstrates long-term practical student research experience and instructional benefits within or across disciplines. Priority may be given to faculty members who have not received recent Research Council funding from this program.

Guidelines

Proposals must include:

2. A narrative (page limit: 5) stating: the need and the nature of the research activity; a description of project activities and anticipated outcomes with an eye towards the project’s long-term pedagogical benefit; an overview of the work plan with particular attention to the number of students expected to participate in the project and their anticipated roles; method of assessment and evaluation; and manner of dissemination of research findings.

   Statement of Need/Problem - The proposal should describe the research problem and the curricular needs the research project meets. A statement of need should include evidence of a thorough literature review, as well as evidence that a reasonable search was made to determine if requested equipment, procedures, etc. are not already currently available.

   Description of Project Activities and Outcomes - The proposal should clearly state the outcome goals of the project. Outcomes should be attainable, concrete, and measurable in some fashion (the Research Council does not a priori preclude qualitative proposals). The Research Council emphasizes that proposals which demonstrate long-term benefit will be reviewed more favorably than proposals showing limited short-term benefit. However, the council does acknowledge outstanding proposals of shorter duration.

   Overview of Work Plan - Author/s must include a work plan that details major activities employed in the pursuit of desired outcomes. The plan should be structured according to a sensible timeline and it must identify the number and intensity of student involvement.

   Assessment/Evaluation - As noted in above, outcomes should be measurable or at least determinable in some fashion. Because the process and outcomes of qualitative research activities are not always amenable to quantitative measurement, the Research Council is prepared to entertain a wide range of assessment strategies that attempt to determine the efficacy of activities and outcomes in a maximally objective manner.

   Dissemination - The proposal should describe how the researcher plans to distribute progress and outcomes. The author should include in this section a commitment to producing and submitting an outcome report to the Research Council.
3. An itemized budget (page limit: 1) using the template provided at www.uwgb.edu/rc/files/docs/GIRTbudget.doc. Proposed expenses should follow campus purchasing and travel policies found at www.uwgb.edu/purchasing/policies/index.htm and www.uwgb.edu/controller/travel. If project costs exceed the allowable funding, describe how the balance of the funds will be acquired to meet the project/travel needs. An accurate, itemized budget is required as well as a detailed budget narrative.

4. A vitae (page limit: 2) limited to relevant scholarly work.

Proposals will be evaluated based on these criteria:

- The degree to which the proposal addresses all requirements of the application;
- The degree to which the proposal describes a clearly defined, substantive scholarly project;
- The perceived quality of the proposed project and tangible outcome;
- The degree to which the proposal places the project within a larger professional context (i.e., demonstrates the significance of the project) and incorporates professional literature from the field (as appropriate);
- The extent to which the project would contribute to the individual’s professional development and is part of a coherent, continuous program of scholarship;
- The degree to which the timeline for completion appears achievable.

Awarded funds must be spent by Friday, March 1st, 2014. A final report describing how the funds were used must be submitted to the Research Council no later than June 15th, 2014. Non-compliance of final report submission will result in ineligibility for future Research Council funding.

Only Electronic Submissions will be accepted.

Proposals must be received by 4:00 p.m. Monday, March 25th, 2013.

E-mail your completed proposal as a single PDF file to RCgrants@uwgb.edu
You will receive an automatic email confirming receipt of your proposal.

Late and/or incomplete applications will not be considered.

QUESTIONS?
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