

California State University, Fresno
Service-Learning Faculty Development Grants
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (Deadline: October 4, 2018)

Overview:

California State University, Fresno receives funding through a grant from the CSU Chancellor's office to support campus service-learning efforts. This funding is a result of overwhelming research demonstrating the value service-learning plays in scholarship, sound pedagogy, and in addressing the needs of the communities the CSU system serves. During the 2018-19 school year, a multi-session seminar will be held to educate faculty about high quality service-learning techniques and help them integrate these into their courses. **Professional development funds of \$600 are available to faculty members who fully participate in the multi-session faculty service-learning seminar.** A maximum of eight mini-grants are available, and a brief application is required for consideration.

Eligibility: All full and part-time faculty with the exception of those who have previously completed the Service-Learning Seminar or Service-Learning Summer Intensive.

Expectations: In their proposal and throughout the seminar, grantees will be expected to:

- Demonstrate a desire to increase their knowledge of service-learning.
- Utilize the seminar to **enhance or implement service-learning** in their course work as appropriate.
- **Attend and actively participate in all five sessions** of the faculty service-learning seminar (12 hours total in the seminar, plus some pre and post seminar assignments), and one individual meeting with Faculty Service-Learning Scholar (to be scheduled). The 2018-19 seminar sessions are currently scheduled for (all Fridays): November 16th, 12-4 p.m. (lunch included); November 30th, 1-3 p.m.; February 1st, 1-3 p.m.; February 22nd, 1-3 p.m.; and March 15th, 1-3 p.m.
- Provide a two-page maximum narrative that includes:
 - a discussion of your interest and experience in service-learning;
 - information on the course(s) in which you are already using or would like to use service-learning;
 - your department chair's approval of involvement (see attached cover page for chair's signature); and
 - a statement regarding your commitment to participate in all seminar sessions and your willingness to complete readings and activities associated with the seminar.

Funding Criteria:

Proposals will be reviewed by veteran service-learning practitioners and evaluated based on:

- demonstrated desire on the part of the faculty member to implement or enhance their use of service-learning;
- potential quality and magnitude of benefits to students (Learning);
- potential quality and magnitude of benefits to community (Service); and
- potential to affect a broader awareness and utilization of service-learning in the department, school/college, and across the university.

Submission Procedure

By **5 p.m., Thursday, October 4th, 2018**, electronically or in hard copy, submit the signed cover sheet with your maximum two-page narrative to:

Chris Fiorentino, Director, Jan & Bud Richter Center for Community Engagement and Service-Learning,
chrisf@csufresno.edu, Thomas Building, Room 107, Mail Stop TA 120.

Complete proposals, including the attached cover sheet, should not exceed three pages of 12 point font (with 1-inch margins) and must address the questions on the cover sheet. Awards will be announced by October 19, 2018.

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COVER PAGE

Name: _____ School/College: _____

Department: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Mail Stop: _____

Faculty Member's Signature: _____

Department Chair's Signature of Approval: _____

In a maximum of TWO typed pages, please address the following:

1. Discuss your interest in service-learning and any previous experiences in the service-learning field.
2. Discuss the course(s) you teach in which you are already using service-learning or you believe may be appropriate for a service-learning component. Include the frequency the course(s) are offered each year and the number of students enrolled annually in those section(s). Also, identify how these courses relate to the curriculum of the department and University (i.e., required for the major, elective, part of G.E.).
3. Confirm your willingness to complete seminar-associated reading and activities and your ability and commitment to attend all sessions of this seminar and the individual meeting with the Faculty Service-Learning Scholar. The 2018-19 seminar sessions are currently scheduled for (all Fridays): November 16th, 12-4 p.m. (lunch included); November 30th, 1-3 p.m.; February 1st, 1-3 p.m.; February 22nd, 1-3 p.m.; and March 15th, 1-3 p.m.

FACULTY MEMBERS AND DEPARTMENT CHAIRS PLEASE NOTE: Only those individuals who attend all seminar sessions will be eligible for the \$600 in professional development funding. Awards will be reduced for each hour missed.

Should you have questions regarding this RFP, please contact: Steven Hart at smhart@csufresno.edu or Chris Fiorentino at 278-7079, chrisf@csufresno.edu

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