

California State University, Fresno
Service-Learning Faculty Development Grants
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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 increased awareness of the value service-learning plays in scholarship, sound pedagogy, and in addressing the needs of the communities the CSU system serves. During the 2011-12 school year, a multi-session seminar will be held to facilitate faculty members with the process of integrating service-learning into their courses. **Faculty mini-grants are available in the amount of \$500 each to support faculty members who fully participate in the multi-session faculty service-learning seminar.** A maximum of eight mini-grants are available, and an 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.

Expectations: Grantees will be expected to:

- Demonstrate a desire to increase their knowledge of service-learning as it relates to the subject-matter they teach.
- 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 (total of no more than 12 hours). The 2011-12 seminar sessions are tentatively scheduled for: Friday, November 18th, 12-4pm (lunch provided); December 2nd, 1-3pm; January 27th, 1-3pm; February 24th, 1-3pm; and March 9th, 1-3pm.
- Write a letter of application/intent which 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;
 - the 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 part of 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 pm, Wednesday, October 12th**, submit the cover sheet with your maximum two-page narrative to:

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

Complete proposals, including the cover sheet, should not exceed three pages of 12 point font print with 1 inch margins and must address the questions on the attached cover sheet. Awards will be announced by October 24, 2011.

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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 these courses are offered each year and the number of students annually enrolled in your section(s). Identify how these courses relate to the curriculum of the department and University (i.e., required for the major, elective, part of G.E.).

Confirm your willingness to complete seminar-associated reading and activities and your ability and commitment to attend all sessions of this seminar. (The 2011-12 seminar sessions are tentatively scheduled for: Friday, November 18th, 12-4pm, lunch provided; December 2nd, 1-3pm; January 27th, 1-3pm; February 24th, 1-3pm; and March 9th, 1-3pm..)

FACULTY MEMBERS AND DEPARTMENT CHAIRS PLEASE NOTE: Only those individuals who attend all seminar sessions will be eligible for the \$500 stipend. Awards will be reduced for each absence.

Should you have questions regarding this RFP, please contact:
Benjamin Boone at 278-7717, bboone@csufresno.edu or
Chris Fiorentino at 278-7079, chrisf@csufresno.edu

Submit a hard copy of the cover sheet and letter by **Wednesday, October 12th** to:
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