

**College of Education Research Endowment
Hardie Faculty Fellows Award
University of Illinois College of Education
2012-13**

Applications are invited for one year appointment to the Faculty Fellows Program beginning June 1, 2012. **Deadline for applications is 5pm, Friday, March 16, 2012 using the online submission system.**

An appointment to the Fellows Program offers many advantages, including: (1) resources for programmatic research; (2) an opportunity to develop a new research program; and (3) capacity to leverage external funding.

The Fellows Program has been configured to offer faculty flexibility in how they use Fellows funding. Total support for each Fellow will be a maximum of \$20,000 per year. Funds are available to support two fellows. Each fellow will have the option of using the money in the following ways:

1. The potential to buy-out one, or two courses per year (\$7,000/course PLUS fringe) to be decided in consultation with Department Heads or Chair, who must provide a letter of support for any buyout arrangement.
2. Graduate research assistance (obtain exact dollar amounts for salary and benefits from the Business Office).
3. Travel support: Maximum of \$1,000 for conference travel. Funds for research travel-- amount to be justified.
4. Summer salary up to current College of Education cap PLUS fringe benefits. Monthly summer salary is calculated at 1/9th of academic year salary up to a current maximum of \$9,153 per month, PLUS fringe*.
5. Equipment and supplies directly related to proposed research.

*You must contact the Office of Budget and Resource Planning to confirm these rates.

Tenure-track faculty of all ranks who are full-time in the University and budgeted at least part-time in the College of Education are eligible and encouraged to apply. Applicants wishing to receive feedback and advice prior to submitting a formal proposal are encouraged to submit a proposal draft to Susan Fowler, Chair of the Research Committee, who will pass it on to former Fellows or members of the College Research Committee, for feedback with the goal of helping to develop the proposal.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

1. **Research Proposal:**

The text of the proposal should be limited to 10 double-spaced pages. Provide a clear and detailed statement of plans for research during the period for which you seek an appointment. Write the proposal as though it were going to a major external-funding agency such as NSF, IES, NEH, or Spencer Foundation. Include a clear statement of the problem, brief discussion of prior literature, clear presentation of methodology, and as appropriate proposed research design, and data analysis. Proposals are competitive. Successful proposals in the past provided a compelling motivation for the research and a clear description of the methodology, design and data analysis. *Please note one of the weaknesses in previous years was a lack of detail about the actual proposed work and an overemphasis on the literature review.*

Proposals that address the five “breakthrough” initiatives in the Strategic Plan may receive priority over others. These include:

- Center for Education in Small Urban Communities
- Initiative on STEM Teaching and Learning
- Ubiquitous Learning Institute: New Education Ecologies
- Forum on the Future of Public Education
- Teacher Quality

If your proposal is written to support the strategic initiatives, identify the ways in which your proposed research will benefit, complement, or advance the initiative.

Write your proposal so that it is accessible to readers within the broader field of Education. In addition, an appendix must include a budget statement, a timeline for carrying out activities, and a brief summative evaluation plan for completion of the proposed research. Joint applications from more than one faculty members that represent strategic inter-disciplinary collaboration will be considered and reviewed as a single proposal and funded up to \$20,000.

2. Past Research:

- a. 2-page abbreviated Curriculum Vitae
- b. List of Current and/or Pending Support
- c. Two representative publications.

3. Letters of Recommendation:

Application must be accompanied by a letter of support from Department Head or Chair. The letters should indicate approval for course buyout and other departmental obligations.

4. Renewal Applications:

Renewal applications will not be considered due to financial constraints.

5. Selection Process:

The selection of Faculty Fellows is a competitive process, and is based on the evaluation criteria listed below. Faculty Fellows are chosen based on a consensus of the members of the College Research Committee. Their names then are forwarded to the Dean of the College for final approval.

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

- Overall quality of the proposal
 - o Clearly identified research problem with appropriate but brief grounding in current research literature and theory.
 - o Given traditional research designs, appropriate data collection methods and procedures for examining the problem
 - o Appropriate analyses for evaluating the data
- Potential contribution to field of education, or to one of the Strategic Initiatives
- Potential impact on the applicant’s career.
- Feasibility of the proposed project.
- Potential for obtaining later external funding.
- Potential to promote collaborative research across departments within the College of Education or across the College and another academic campus unit.

6. Reporting Requirements

Fellows will also be required to submit a report summarizing their activities as a Fellow and clearly delineating the outcomes of their research funded under this initiative, as well as copies of all presentations and papers (draft and submitted for review, or published) related to this research. They must address the impact this has had on furthering the strategic goals of the College and Campus. This report will be due in August 2013.

7. Submission Process

Applications are due Friday, March 16, 2012 at 5:00PM using the online system instead of hard copies to the Bureau of Educational Research. Details on the submission process will be available on the Bureau website, at <http://www.ed.uiuc.edu/ber/resward.html> under College Research Awards. No late applications will be accepted. Only complete applications will be reviewed.

NOTE: Research is interpreted broadly and not limited to any one approach. For example, proposals that include quantitative, qualitative, mixed methods, evaluation, historical, philosophical inquiry, etc., must include a clear description of methods and as appropriate, design, and proposed data analysis.

Past award recipients can be found online at:

http://ed.uiuc.edu/ber/webpages/List_of_Faculty_Fellows.html

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