

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
College of Education
Bureau of Educational Research Endowment
Strategic Initiatives Hardie Faculty Fellows Award
2008-2009

The generous support of an endowment from Charles Dunn Hardie has allowed the College of Education to make a new Strategic Initiatives Faculty Fellows awards available to faculty members in support of their research, which seeks to enhance the College's ability to address the four 'breakthrough' initiatives identified in the 2007 – 2010 Strategic Plan:

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

More information about the 2007-2010 strategic plan and these initiatives can be found at <http://www.ed.uiuc.edu/Future/strategicplan.html>.

The strategic plan states "These initiatives represent areas in which we believe we could significantly enhance our research, teaching and service activities, achieve preeminence, and attract considerable external resources." This Fellows program is designed to support the College's effort in these areas by increasing faculty involvement and enhancing research and public service opportunities related to the initiatives.

Like the existing Faculty Fellows program, the Strategic Initiatives Fellows Program has been configured to offer faculty flexibility in how the funding is used. *Total support for each Fellow will be a maximum of up to \$30,000 per year, with up to three awards annually, which is an increase from FY08 of \$20,000.*

Use of the funds:

1. Buy-out of up to two courses per year (\$7000/course) to be decided in consultation with Department Heads or Chairs.
2. Graduate research assistance (obtain exact dollar amounts from the Business Office).
3. Travel support: Maximum of \$1000 for conference travel. Funds for research travel and that related to grant development--amount to be justified and linked to strategic goals.
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. Supplies directly related to proposed research.

Distribution of the funds:

1. Funds will be available for distribution as of January 1, 2009.
2. All projects must be complete by February 28, 2010. Unexpended funds will be returned to the Hardie account.

Fellows will maintain their department offices.

Reporting requirements:

- A brief initial report (no more than one page summary for a 'lay' audience) will need to be submitted to ODAR by May 15, 2009 (in order to complete an annual summary for the trustee in Australia)
- It is anticipated that the Strategic Initiative Fellows, along with other recipients of Hardie funds will present the results of their research or activities at an annual Hardie Endowment event.
- Fellows will also be required to submit a brief report summarizing their experience as a Fellow in August 2009 and the impact this has had on progressing the strategic goals of the College and campus.

Strategic Initiative Fellows will be encouraged to collaborate with one another to enhance research efforts and to work closely with their respective centers to develop proposals for external funding.

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 Lizanne DeStefano, who will pass it on to former Fellows for feedback with the goal of helping develop the proposal.

Members of the College Research Committee:

Susan Fowler, Chair
Renee Clift
Pradeep Dhillon
Russell Korte
Jose Mestre
Lizanne DeStefano, *ex officio*
Raynika Trent, *ex officio*

Please submit six collated hard-copies and a CD-ROM of all materials to:

Strategic Initiatives Hardie Faculty Fellows Program
Bureau of Educational Research
c/o Paige Spangler
38 Education Bldg.
MC-708

If you need assistance preparing the CD-ROM please contact Paige Spangler as soon as possible.

Deadline for applications: November 3, 2008. No late applications will be accepted. Only complete applications will be reviewed.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

1. Research Proposal:

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 was going to a major external-funding agency, such as NSF or IES. Include a clear statement of the problem, discussion of prior literature, presentation of methodology, etc. Write your proposal so that it is accessible to readers outside your field. Please explain how your proposed research plan will address and enhance one or more of the four strategic initiatives and increase prospects for external funding and research support. The proposal should be limited to 10 double-spaced pages. It should include a budget statement, a timeline for carrying out activities, sources of external funding and an evaluation plan. Please be sure to seek guidance from the BER about the budget as there may be budget items that require fringe benefits to be included.

Joint applications from one or more faculty that represent strategic inter-disciplinary collaboration will be considered.

2. Past Research:

- a. Curriculum Vitae
- b. Three representative publications.

3. Present Research:

- a. Two-page (maximum) discussion of current research interests and work in progress. Up to two examples of papers or proposals in progress may be included.

4. Letters of Recommendation:

Application must be accompanied by a letter of support from Department Head or Chair. The letter should indicate approval for course buyout and other departmental obligations. Two other letters of recommendation from colleagues who are competent to judge your work are requested. These letters should address the quality of the proposal. Letters may come from colleagues within the College or campus.

5. Renewal Applications:

Candidates seeking renewal should include a review of past progress as a Fellow and a rationale for continuation.

COVER SHEET

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I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name _____

Department _____

Title/Rank _____

Renewal Application: Yes ____ No ____

II. CHECKLIST OF PROPOSAL ATTACHMENTS

Research Proposal ____

Past Research

- A. Curriculum Vitae ____
- B. Three representative publications ____

Present Research

- A. Two Page discussion of current research and works in progress

Letters of Recommendation (3)

- A. Contributed by Dept. Head/Chair ____
- B. Contributed by professional colleague ____
- C. Contributed by professional colleague ____

For Renewal Applications: Include a statement of rationale for continued funding

III. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

1. Have you obtained the rank of *Associate Professor*? Yes ____ No ____

2. If applicable, in which year were you promoted to the rank of Full Professor?
