

Fall 2009 Call for Proposals Berry Family CLA Faculty Excellence Fellows

The **Berry Family CLA Faculty Excellence Fellows** award, made possible through a generous gift from the Berry family, was established to enhance the recruitment and retention of the highest quality faculty in the College of Liberal Arts. Berry Faculty Excellence Fellowships support outstanding faculty whose activities have a demonstrable impact on the quality of Washington State University, particularly at the Pullman campus.

Up to \$25,000 will be awarded through one or more fellowships to support initiatives that promise to significantly enhance the innovative work of world-class CLA faculty in ways that advance the three primary themes of College priority. Interdisciplinary projects, innovative student engagement, and work that creates models or foundations for future activities are of particular interest. Applications from individuals or teams are welcome.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Eligibility is limited to full-time, tenure-track CLA faculty members. Applications should summarize the faculty members' relevant experience and indicate how the proposed activity will build on that experience and contribute to CLA excellence and areas of emphasis. Funds may be used for a broad range of research, teaching, student engagement, outreach, and creative activities that may span up to 36 months, but all projects must be related explicitly to one or more of CLA's thematic areas of emphasis:

I. Cultural Understanding and Enhancing International and Intercultural Relations

Efforts to increase understanding of specific cultures, creatively enhance local and national culture, unveil systems of inequality, improve conceptions of (inter)national and (inter)cultural relations, or develop strategies and practices that help resolve differences that threaten security and well-being around the globe.

II. Just and Sustainable Societies, Policies, and Practices

Projects, scholarship, student engagement, and creative activities that illuminate policies, practices, and technologies that promote equity and social justice, the understanding of human-environmental interactions in context, or the sustainable use of resources.

III. Social, Cultural, and Psychological Impacts on Human Health

Activities and initiatives that explore the specific mechanisms and relationships between social, cultural, and psychological factors of human health and well-being, broadly conceived.

APPLICATION CONTENT

Successful applicants will provide evidence of a history of excellence and propose a project that has significant potential to transform their work and engage students in ways that advance College priorities and enhance the quality of Washington State University. Applicants must specify how the outcomes of the project will be disseminated and preserved. The ideal application will lead to transformative and sustainable efforts that contribute to the themes of the College, the mission of the University, and the world-class preparation of our students.

Applicants should describe their project and how it meets the requirements of this call for proposals in a document of no more than **five pages, single-spaced**. The completed application should include a four-page description of the project and a one-page overview of how the requested funds will be used. Along with the proposal, applicants must submit a focused, up-to-date vita of no more than five pages for each faculty participant. Faculty are encouraged to highlight those aspects of their CV that demonstrate relevant experience and a record of excellence in the area of their proposal.

All materials should be submitted electronically to Susan Cunningham scunnington@wsu.edu by November 2, 2009. Faculty should not consider their applications complete until they receive a confirming notice of receipt.

APPLICATION REVIEW

A College committee will review applications and make recommendations to the dean regarding priorities for support. The dean will announce the fellowship awards. Any questions about this fellowship program and its procedures should be directed to Associate Dean for Research Paul Whitney (pwhitney@wsu.edu, 509-335-3854).