

Elmhurst College  
Center for Scholarship and Teaching

**CALL FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY  
FACULTY GRANT PROPOSALS**

*2008-2009 Academic Year*

The Center for Scholarship and Teaching is pleased to offer grants to support the interdisciplinary efforts of full-time faculty. Grants of \$3,500 will be awarded to high-quality research proposals that will be carried out in the academic year 2008-2009 and the summer of 2009. (In future years, the process of applying for interdisciplinary research grant funds will be combined with the process of applying for all faculty research grants.)

Grants of \$4000 (\$2000 per faculty member) will be awarded to pairs of faculty developing interdisciplinary, team-taught courses.

While the majority of the funds designated to support interdisciplinary collaborative research during the academic year 08-09 will be allocated through the usual process of application for such grants during the spring of 2009, some funds are available to support interdisciplinary collaborative research recently undertaken (such as the grants given for the summer of 2007 or the summer of 2008) that is continuing. Such funds are intended to aid the continuation or dissemination of such research.

Awarded funds will become available immediately. Proposals for research might include travel for the purpose of research, payment to a student who provides assistance for the research, salary support, supplies, software, or equipment for research purposes. Funds awarded for developing interdisciplinary, team-taught courses can be used as salary support or to purchase supplies, software, or equipment.

Successful applicants are expected to share the outcomes of their work with the wider college community in a Campus Forum or some other appropriate venue. Applicants for interdisciplinary course development funds are expected to propose and teach the course developed.

Inquiries should be directed to Earl Swallow ([earls@elmhurst.edu](mailto:earls@elmhurst.edu) or ext. 3577) or Alzada Tipton ([tiptona@elmhurst.edu](mailto:tiptona@elmhurst.edu) or ext. 3063).

The completed proposal should be submitted to the Director of the Center for Scholarship and Teaching, Earl Swallow ([earls@elmhurst.edu](mailto:earls@elmhurst.edu)). Electronic submission by email is strongly encouraged, and these will be acknowledged by email. **Completed proposals are due no later than Wednesday, November 26, 2008.**

To apply, see the guidelines on the following page.

# **INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH AND TEACHING GRANTS PROPOSAL GUIDELINES for 2008-2009**

## **RESEARCH GRANTS OF \$3500**

I. *Project Title and Summary:* Provide **a title and a one or two sentence general description** of the project.

II. *Narrative:* Describe the project in approximately 700 words. Within the narrative, include the following four items:

1. *Current Situation:* Describe the current situation in the area addressed in the proposal and identify the need this project addresses. Provide a detailed context for your planned project.

2. *The Project Plan:* Describe, in detail, the project to be undertaken. Discuss clearly the goals of the project, the strategies to be used in achieving the goals, and the expected outcomes of the work. Make clear the ultimate benefit to the students, the applicant and/or the institution. The proposal will be strongest when the relationship to the mission of the College and/or the link to the applicant's ongoing scholarship are identified.

3. *Plans for Evaluation and Dissemination:* The proposal must include a section on how the project will be evaluated for success. This will vary with the project, but references to the specific outcomes of the project are expected. Plans to disseminate the project outcomes or findings to the College community and to regional and/or national audiences must be included.

III. *Budget:* Itemize how the funds will be allocated and total them, not to exceed \$3500. Funds may be used for faculty salary, travel, educational costs, supplies, student stipends, secretarial assistance, software, etc.

## **INTERDISCIPLINARY COURSE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS OF \$4000**

Describe the course in a narrative of no more than 700 words. Describe the course to be developed and the plan to develop such a course. Make clear the benefits of such a course to students and to the institution. Include plans for when the course will be proposed and taught. Itemize how the funds will be allocated and total them, not to exceed \$4000 (\$2000 per faculty member).

## **INTERDISCIPLINARY COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH GRANTS (up to \$1000)**

Smaller grants are available to encourage the continuation of established faculty-student collaborative research during this academic year. Describe the plans for continuation in a narrative of no more than 700 words. Make clear the benefits of continuing such research to the faculty and to the student. Include any plans for disseminating the research. Itemize how funds will be allocated and total them, not to exceed \$1000.