A Call for Pre-Proposals for ACM-Mellon Faculty Career Enhancement (FaCE)

Enhancing Faculty Capacity for Innovation

Deadline for submissions is 11:59 p.m. Central Time, October 21, 2015.
Consult your Faculty Development Liaison for internal campus deadline!

Overview

This Call for Pre-Proposals (2-3 pages) invites ideas from ACM faculty interested in collaborating with their ACM peers to create innovative projects under the Faculty Career Enhancement Project (FaCE) (www.acm.edu/FaCE). Broadly conceived, FaCE aims to fund joint research projects, teaching and learning collaborations, collaboratively organized events, reading groups, and other cooperative initiatives that:

- Engage faculty either from multiple institutions or from different departments within a single institution;
- Identify and implement innovations that have the potential to address current challenges or opportunities faced by liberal arts colleges and their faculty; and
- Show plans to become sustainable on the campuses involved and demonstrate the potential to be replicable on other campuses through effective dissemination strategies.

Each year, FaCE gives special emphasis and preference to a particular theme. This year, that theme is “Cognitive Science and the Liberal Arts.” Consistent with that theme, examples of potential projects might include:

- Collaborative faculty or faculty-student research projects that have the potential to demonstrate the effectiveness of new pedagogical approaches based on new findings in cognitive science.
- Collaborative faculty projects that explore how new cognitive science research can enhance teaching and learning in first-year seminars, curricular design within a discipline or concentration, the sequencing of content and delivery in a particular course, etc.
- Collaboratively organized events (workshops, seminars, disciplinary-focused interest groups) that gather faculty, administrators, instructional technologists, and other interested participants from multiple campuses to address a specific challenge or opportunity.
- Collaborations – whether through shared curricular resources, online courses or course modules, teaching and learning projects, events, research projects, or other initiatives – that strengthen consortial ties and build models that can be sustained on individual campuses.

While grant awards each year give preference to the year’s theme, other collaborative proposals that address other challenges and opportunities that liberal arts colleges and their faculty face will also be considered.

Typically, grant awards will range from $5,000 to $30,000. Projects that involve several collaborators from multiple campuses, demonstrate significant complexity in other aspects of the plan, or justify in other ways a higher grant award can be funded up to a maximum of $50,000.

Process and Selection Criteria

Pre-Proposals are due no later than 11:59 p.m. Central Time on Wednesday, October 21, 2015. Proposals must be submitted in the online portal at http://projects.acm.edu. The FaCE Steering Committee, composed of three ACM Deans, will screen the Pre-Proposals and invite the most promising among them in relation to the following criteria to submit full proposals. Full proposals will be due on the online portal no later than 11:59 p.m. Central Time on Tuesday, December 15, 2015.
Selection criteria:

- the degree to which the proposed project is collaborative in nature, involving either faculty from two or more ACM institutions or from across departments within a single institution;
- the extent to which the proposed project facilitates innovative approaches to addressing current challenges or opportunities faced by liberal arts colleges and their faculty;
- relevance to the thematic emphasis of the year;
- the soundness of the proposed plan in achieving the goals of the project;
- plans for using and sustaining the results;
- plans for disseminating the results; and
- the project's potential for promoting innovation within the consortium and beyond.

Prompts for Pre-Proposals

- **Title for the Proposed Project**

- **Project Team**: List the name, college, discipline, and email of each of participating faculty member. (*Each team must be composed of faculty from across disciplines within a particular college, or from across the fourteen colleges within the ACM.*)

- **Abstract/synopsis**: Provide a brief description of the project, including the problem it seeks to address, the goals it aims to achieve, and the major activities in which project participants will engage to achieve those goals. (up to 250 words)

- **FaCE Goal of Addressing a Challenge or Opportunity that Liberal Arts Colleges and their Faculty Face**: Briefly elaborate on the goal(s) of the project and the challenge/opportunity the project is intended to address. (up to 200 words)

- **Activities, Outcomes and Results**: Briefly elaborate on the primary activities the project team would undertake, as well as the anticipated outcomes and results. (up to 200 words)

- **Dissemination**: Briefly describe how the project team intends to share the project's learnings and outcomes on ACM campuses and, if applicable, with the broader higher education community (up to 200 words)

- **Estimated Funding Amount**: Provide an estimate of the total funding necessary to complete your proposed project. (*This is intended only as an estimate at the Pre-Proposal stage; those invited to submit Full Proposals will submit a detailed budget with expense categories, etc.*)

Instructions for Submitting FaCE Pre-Proposals

- Prior to preparing a Pre-Proposal, each participating faculty member should talk with his/her Academic Dean and/or Faculty Development Liaison to ensure that the proposed project is consistent with institutional priorities. (*If selected to move to the full proposal phase, a letter confirming the backing and support of the Academic Dean or Provost will be a required component of the final submission package.*)

- Please feel free to contact ACM Vice President for Faculty Development and Grant Programs, Brian Williams (312-561-5922 or bwilliams@acm.edu) to receive advice for developing your ideas in conjunction with the funding parameters.

- Complete a Pre-Proposal application via the online portal at [http://projects.acm.edu](http://projects.acm.edu) by responding to the prompts outlined above.
Other Information
Because FaCE seeks to sustain and share the significant results and products from each activity funded, successful grant proposals will include specific plans for institutionalizing results on participating campuses and for disseminating the results more broadly. Dissemination plans should outline strategies for sharing the work of the collaboration with a wider audience such as conference presentations, publications, and/or a website to disseminate resources and findings, and should identify the most likely audiences – within the consortium and beyond.

Grant awards will support the resources necessary to initiate, conduct, disseminate, and help institutionalize the activities and results of projects. Budget items may include supplies, targeted purchases of technology support that evidence an institutional plan to match and upgrade over time, travel and lodging, meetings, dissemination strategies such as white papers, presentations at seminars and conferences, websites, and the like. Funding may also cover honoraria for guest speakers, workshop leaders, or consultants; and conference materials.

Completed Pre-Proposals must be submitted through the online application portal at [http://projects.acm.edu](http://projects.acm.edu) on or before 11:59 p.m. Central Time on October 21, 2015.