Faculty Fellows Program for Internationalization  
Spring Term 2011  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
Proposal DUE DATE: March 21, 2011  
$1,000 Mini-Grant

The Center for Academic Excellence (CAE) is pleased to announce the 16th year of supporting faculty innovation in teaching, scholarship, assessment, and engagement. Academic Innovation Mini-grants (AIM) and the Faculty Fellows Program supports, encourages, and enhances faculty innovation and engagement in areas that forward the University’s mission and goals. The Program convenes a group of interdisciplinary faculty who, over several meetings, work on completing individual projects appropriate to the focus (or theme) of each group, while benefiting from discussions with and resources offered by their fellow colleagues, and by the CAE.

The Faculty Fellows for Internationalization Program is designed specifically for faculty who are developing and planning to teach an international community-based learning course. Faculty interested in (re)designing a course in partnership with an international community organization that includes appropriate learning outcomes aligned with course components (e.g., class sessions, assignments, etc.) and plans to utilize community-based learning strategies are encouraged to apply.

CAE staff will work with this Faculty Fellows learning community to:
- Make appropriate resources available.
- Involve local, regional, and national expertise in internationalization & curriculum development.
- Facilitate an agenda that supports participants’ efforts to develop engaged teaching strategies.
- Assist participants in developing a community-based learning course proposal for submission to the IFLP (International Faculty-Led Program) Review Committee

Through conversation with colleagues during and between meetings, we will collaboratively develop a broader understanding of how community-connected pedagogies can leverage existing international partnerships as well as venture into new international arenas. These courses require significant advanced organizational planning. This Faculty Fellows group will access the current knowledge about how to develop these complex courses and will support participants in ways that help ensure critical course and partnership development aspects are not overlooked. All PSU faculty members are encouraged to apply.

In addition to collaborating with learning community colleagues, each participant will be expected to:
- Create a new or significantly redesigned course that will engage students in an international community-based learning experience.
- Submit a completed syllabus and develop the course proposal for submission to the IFLP Review committee.
• Complete a 500-750 word reflection on what was learned through completing the project. This will be shared on the CAE website, www.pdx.edu/cae.

**Time commitment:**
• Members of this Faculty Fellows group will attend at least four of five group meetings during spring term 2011. Meetings will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 on these Thursdays: March 31; April 7; May 5; May 12; and June 2.

The application is available online at www.pdx.edu/cae.

All PSU faculty are encouraged to apply. Each member of the cohort will receive a $1,000 mini-grant following completion of requirements as specified within the “Participant Agreement” section on the application form.

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