

2011-2012 Call for Applications

College of Natural and Health Sciences' Grant-writing Incentive Program (GRIP)

The College of Natural and Health Sciences (NHS) announces its fourth call for applications in its program to facilitate grant-writing efforts by NHS faculty, the Grant-writing Incentive Program (GRIP). Supported through the College's portion of indirect cost recovery funds generated by grants and contracts, GRIP awards provide selected NHS faculty with a one course buyout during the academic year or additional compensation during the summer to facilitate the preparation of proposals for extramural support of major initiatives.

Purpose and Rationale

Lack of time is often cited as a barrier to the development of major grant-funded initiatives. GRIP awards will provide selected NHS faculty with dedicated time during the academic year to generate grant proposals for extramural support and/or incentivize the development of such proposals during the summer.

Funding Level

A total pool of approximately \$10,000 is expected to be made available annually by the College. This pool is sufficient to provide up to two course buyout awards during an academic year (based on an estimated value of \$5,000 each for a three credit hour course), four summer compensation awards during the summer (based on a maximum compensation request of \$2,000 plus associated fringe benefits), or some combination of the two.

Eligibility

All full-time NHS instructional faculty members (tenured, tenure-track, and term) whose appointment carries an explicit expectation for professional activity are eligible to apply for GRIP awards, with the exception of individuals serving as deans and unit leaders. Because of the competitive nature of the program and the limited funding pool that is available, eligible projects must constitute "major initiatives," time-intensive efforts that will solicit at least \$50,000 in extramural support. Only one GRIP award may be requested per project and no individual may receive more than one GRIP award in a given year. There is no requirement that the grant opportunity produce indirect cost recovery funds; however, consideration may be given to a project's ability to generate funds that contribute to the sustenance of the GRIP program. The requested level of support must be commensurate with the project's effort; for example, a request for a course buyout of three credit hours must entail a level of effort commensurate with a typical three credit hour course.

Application Submission Deadline

Completed electronic applications must be sent to the NHS Interim Associate Dean Donna Bottenberg (donna.bottenberg@unco.edu) by the following deadlines.

Spring semester 2012 buyout proposals – October 3, 2011

Summer 2012 compensation and Fall semester 2012 buyout proposals – March 5, 2012

Application Review Procedure

Applications will be reviewed by the NHS Unit Leaders and Interim Associate Dean, who will recommend funding to the Dean.

Application Format

Each application for GRIP monies must clearly outline the initiative for which funding is sought and the plan for generating and submitting the request(s) for extramural support. The following elements are to be included in a brief narrative of no longer than two (2) pages of single spaced 12-point font:

- the grant funding concept
- timeline for writing the proposal(s)
- the agency(ies) to which the proposal(s) will be submitted
- deadline for receipt of the proposal(s)
- projected amount of extramural funds to be sought
- cost-sharing requirements (if applicable)
- the relevant indirect cost recovery rate(s)
- any prior efforts to attract extramural support for the project, including funding source, amount of support requested, and outcome

Please append to the narrative an excerpt from your *curriculum vitae* that identifies your funding history, which may include that from intramural sources. Also attach a list of peer-reviewed publications. Applications that do not meet these guidelines will *not* be considered.

Review Criteria

Review criteria include: the intellectual merit and broader impacts of the proposed effort; alignment with the mission and priorities of the university, college, and/or unit; and potential for success of the extramural funding request. Consideration may be given to the amount of extramural funds to be sought, cost-sharing requirements, and, as noted above, the project's ability to generate funds that contribute to the sustenance of the GRIP program.

Expectations and Accountability

Because this program seeks to facilitate the generation of proposals for extramural support, it is essential that GRIP awards yield their proposed outcomes, that is, one or more submitted grant proposals. Recipients of GRIP funding will be expected to submit by the end of the regular academic semester subsequent to that in which support was received a brief report that describes the outcomes of the GRIP award. For example, the report deadline for GRIP support received for spring or summer 2012 is the end of the fall 2012 semester. Individuals who receive GRIP funding and who do not generate the proposal(s) that were the subject of their award will be ineligible for future GRIP support and, in cases of awards involving course buyouts, may be subject to a compensatory workload reassignment in a future term.