

Call for Proposals –International Curricular Grants for Faculty

The Faculty Fellow for International Programs announces a competition for summer grants to members of the faculty aimed at promoting study abroad and the internationalization of the Rhodes curriculum. These grants, of up to \$5,000 each, are particularly intended to encourage faculty to develop and carry out proposals that will serve the College's goal of encouraging more of our students to expand their educational experience beyond our national borders. In this sense they are entrepreneurial in spirit, seeking to provide faculty with the resources to enable them to investigate a number of possibilities.

Proposals may include, but are not limited to, exploration of the following types of projects:

- adding an overseas component to an existing course (i.e., extending the course by a relatively short period of time to include an experience abroad during the summer or winter breaks);
- creating a new course that includes an overseas component of the type mentioned in the previous point;
- creating a “stand-alone” experience (i.e., a course or group of courses) abroad for either a semester-long or summer program; and
- expanding (through experience in the target country or countries, typically by way of summer travel and research) the faculty member's expertise in order to improve existing courses or create new courses that include significant attention to areas of study outside the United States.

Those who receive these awards will be required to give a presentation to the faculty on their project in the following academic year and submit a final report to the Educational Program Committee (EPC). It is understood that, after thorough investigation, some projects may not prove feasible, but it is hoped that most projects will lead to the development of the types of curricular enrichment mentioned above.

Proposals should clearly indicate the rationale behind the project to be carried out and the anticipated outcome, particularly in regard to its relationship to students. Proposals should also include a specific description of the activities to be undertaken and a budget indicating the amount of the request and how it will be used. It is expected that most proposals will involve the faculty member traveling overseas.

Proposals are due by November 14, 2008 and will be evaluated by the Educational Program Committee, which will make recommendations to the Faculty Fellow, the Dean of Academic Affairs for Faculty Development, and the Director of the Buckman Center for International Education. Projects which are judged to have the greatest impact on our students and the greatest likelihood of successful implementation will receive the strongest consideration.

Please send all proposals to Steve Ceccoli, Faculty Fellow for International Programs, Buckman 109, or submit them electronically to ceccoli@rhodes.edu. Those interested may also contact him (x3622) to discuss specific proposal ideas in advance of submission.