LAS DEAN’S TEACHING FELLOWSHIPS

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Applications are now being accepted for the LAS Dean’s Teaching Fellowships. These prestigious awards are designed (1) to provide a mechanism for junior faculty to develop their teaching interests in an interdisciplinary setting, and (2) to contribute to the improvement of the curriculum or the delivery of instruction in courses of special interest to LAS.

Faculty who receive this award will receive the designation “LAS Dean’s Teaching Fellow” for the academic year, receive financial support for their teaching project, and be honored at the LAS Celebration of Teaching event in the spring.

Description: This program entails individual faculty members developing instructional improvement projects, and participating in the LAS Reflective Teaching Seminar, which engages faculty in the exploration of pedagogical issues. The first major activity of the program will be the development of individual teaching projects. These might involve the creation of a new course, the revision of an existing course, the development of new teaching materials or techniques, research on or evaluation of teaching strategies, or the application of new technologies to instruction. Upon completion, faculty fellows will present their projects to their colleagues in the Reflective Teaching Seminar and other venues. The second major activity of the program would be for the Fellows to participate in the LAS Reflective Teaching Seminar – this entails periodic meetings over the academic year among junior faculty members and facilitators of the seminar to explore and discuss a variety of pedagogical issues. Fellows will present their proposal ideas in the fall semester in order to receive valuable feedback from their peers to enhance the project.

Eligibility: tenure track faculty – second year assistant professors through second year associate professors.

Application: Applicants should submit the following materials:

1. A letter of interest that includes (1) a brief description and rationale – no more than one page – for the proposed teaching project, and (2) a budget request for materials, software, or other support necessary to implement the teaching project, generally not to exceed $1,600.00.

2. A brief letter of support from the executive officer of your department or unit.

Deadline: March 18, 2010

Send application materials to: Joellyn Pedro (jpedro@illinois.edu)

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Notification: Winners will be notified in April. Please direct all questions to Marie Ciavarella, Associate Director of the LAS Teaching Academy (mariecia@illinois.edu).