

California State University, Fresno
Service-Learning Faculty Development Grants
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Overview:

California State University, Fresno has received a grant from the Chancellor's office to facilitate the development of service-learning courses on our campus. This grant is a result of increased government and public awareness of the value service-learning plays in scholarship, sound pedagogy and the communities the CSU system serves. During the 2001-2002 academic year two seminars will be held to facilitate the process of faculty integration of service-learning into their courses. A limited number of grants in the amount of \$700.00 will be given to faculty members who participate in a multi-session faculty service-learning seminar.

Eligibility: All full and part-time faculty with the exception of those who have previously successfully completed the Service-Learning Seminar.

Expectations: Grantees will be expected to:

- Demonstrate a desire to increase their knowledge of service-learning as it relates to the subject-matter they teach.
- Attend and actively participate in all four sessions of the faculty service-learning seminar (total of 14-16 hours). One complete seminar series will be offered during the fall 2001 semester and one will be offered during spring 2002. During fall 2001 the seminar will be held on *Friday October 26th from 9a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday November 9th from 2-4:30 p.m., Friday November 30th from 2-4:30p.m. and Friday December 7th from 2-4:30 p.m..*
- Complete a pre-and post seminar survey regarding their knowledge of and desire to *enhance or implement* service-learning in their course work.
- Write a letter of intent which includes:
 - a discussion of your interest and experience in service-learning
 - a discussion of the course(s) you teach in which you are already using or will use service-learning
 - commitment to participate in all seminar sessions;
 - the department chair's approval of involvement;
 - willingness to complete seminar associated reading and activities.

Funding Criteria

Proposals meeting the essential elements will be reviewed by members of the Service-Learning Development Committee who will consider:

- demonstrated desire on part of faculty member to implement or enhance their use of service-learning in the curriculum;
- potential quality and magnitude of benefits to students (Learning);
- potential quality and magnitude of benefits to community (Service);
- potential to affect a broader acceptance of service-learning in the department, school/college and across the university.

Submission Procedure

By ***Monday, October 1st*** submit the attached cover sheet with your supporting documents to:

Rich Berrett, Chair, University Service-Learning Development Committee
Child, Family and Consumer Science Department, FF-12

Complete proposals should not exceed three pages of 12 point font print with 1 inch margins and must address the questions on the attached cover sheet. Awards will be announced by October 5th, 2001

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COVER PAGE

Name: _____ School/College: _____

Department: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Mail Stop: _____

Department Chair's Signature of Approval: _____

In a maximum of TWO typed pages, please address the following:

1. Discuss your interest in service-learning and any previous experiences in the service-learning field.
2. Discuss the course(s) you teach in which you are already using service-learning or you believe may be appropriate for a service-learning component. Include the frequency these courses are offered each year, and the number of students annually enrolled in your section(s).
3. Identify how these courses relate to the curriculum of the department and University, i.e. required, elective, part of G.E..
4. Confirm your willingness to complete seminar associated reading and activities and your ability and commitment to attend all sessions of this semester's seminar on ***Friday October 26th from 9a.m.to 4 p.m., Friday November 9th from 2-4:30 p.m., Friday November 30th from 2-4:30p.m. and Friday December 7th from 2-4:30 p.m..*** or provide your spring 2002 schedule for planning purposes.

PLEASE NOTE: Only those who attend all sessions will be eligible for the \$700 stipend.

Should you have questions regarding this RFP please contact either:

Rich Berrett at 278-5140, richardb@csufresno.edu or
Chris Fiorentino at 278-7079, chrisf@csufresno.edu

Submit a hard copy of the cover sheet and letter by October 1, 2001 to:

Rich Berrett, Chair, University Service-Learning Development Committee
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