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Interdisciplinary Research/Teaching Incentive Program
SIU College of Liberal Arts

Purpose   The Interdisciplinary Research/Teaching Incentive Program (IRTI) provides financial support for faculty members to engage in interdisciplinary and collaborative teaching or research or creative activity projects. This might involve working with colleagues at SIU, other academic institutions, or with community organizations on projects such as the following:

- A new interdisciplinary course;
- Revising an existing course to emphasize interdisciplinary inquiry;
- A new, or revision of an existing, interdisciplinary program;
- An interdisciplinary research/creative project with colleagues in different fields;
- A community-engaged teaching or research/creative project.

Eligibility   Open to all full-time CoLA faculty members. Previous awardees are welcome to apply, but priority will go to first-time applicants.

Award   The Dean will make two incentive awards of $3,000 each, per application, to cover project-related expenses (not as salary). Possible uses of these funds include, but are not limited to, the purchase of books or instructional materials (including computer hardware or software), inviting a consultant to campus, travel to professional meetings or workshops, or purchase of teaching or research-related materials. Funds will available from July 1 for use during that fiscal year only (July 1 – June 30).

Application   Applications must include a CV, a two-page prospectus describing the proposed project, identifying individuals involved, and a brief statement of

how the awardee(s) will use the funds. Specifically, each prospectus must address how the project will reflect interdisciplinary teaching or research/creative activity. The application deadline is the first Monday in April. Submit all materials combined in a single PDF document to the Associate Dean for Budget, Personnel, and Research.

Evaluation   The members of the CoLA Faculty Development Committee will review and evaluate the applications. The committee will make recommendations to the Dean, based on the overall merit of the project with consideration for the aforementioned priorities and established criteria (it is possible that the committee may make no recommendation to the Dean if none of the applications meet the established criteria). Notification of awards will take place before the first week in May.

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