

**Proposal Due: August 19, 2011**

**Fall 2011**

**Faculty Minigrant Proposals: Curriculum for Community Engagement**

UAA's Center for Community Engagement & Learning announces a **request for proposals**. CCEL provides funds to full-time faculty to create or redesign curriculum incorporating community engagement and community partnerships. Awards are open to full-time faculty in all UAA schools and colleges and at all campuses. *Junior faculty, faculty teaching GER courses, and faculty in under-represented disciplines are encouraged to apply.*

**Funds for this minigrant proposal are set aside for faculty to redesign or create an academic course that incorporates service learning or community-based research.** Proposals should describe the community engagement project and the way in which faculty will aim to have the course design identify a community need, include student reflection tied to course content, and ensure community benefit as well as student learning outcomes. You may not know all of this if you are in the beginning stages of planning and should indicate such.

**Procedures and Criteria for Allocating Minigrant Funds**

Funding is set aside for up to six awards of \$1500 each to faculty to develop or redesign an academic course. The award will be given in three stages:

- Faculty are asked to attend a series of 4 service-learning workshops in the fall semester in order to exercise the award and to complete a revised syllabus. \$500
- Teach the course in Fall 2011 or Spring 2012 semesters \$500
- Repeat the course in any semester \$500

The dates of the Fall Community-Engaged Curriculum series are:

Fridays 9:30am – 11:00am on 9/16, 9/30, 10/21, 11/4

The \$500 incremental awards are considered as payment for faculty, though you may use your award for honorariums to community partners or for materials, etc. as needed. The budget may be worked out at a later if you intend to expend funds for materials or community awards.

**Criteria for Ranking of Awards**

The proposal should connect academic course content with learning experiences for students working directly with tribal organizations, businesses, non-profits, schools, public agencies, or under-resourced communities. The Minigrant Review Committee

will rank proposals according to recommended criteria for community-engaged courses, as well as the student learning outcomes:

- Engagement – Does the service component meet a public need or provide a public good?
- Reflection – Is there a mechanism that encourages students to link their service experience to course content?
- Reciprocity – Is reciprocity – community involvement in creation, respect for community knowledge, and community benefit evident in the community-engaged component?
- Public dissemination – Is work presented to the public or made into an opportunity for the community to enter into a public dialogue?

### **Reporting Procedures**

All community engaged faculty awards are made possible by UAA's Center for Community Engagement & Learning. You will be asked to acknowledge this support in any papers or publications derived from the activities supported by this award. Reimbursement of funds will be made at each stage of the process.

Faculty who accept this Community-Engaged Curriculum minigrant must commit to:

- attend the faculty workshop series in Fall 2011;
- share the revised course syllabus with CCEL;
- teach the created or redesigned course during **Spring 2012 or Fall 2012**;
- teach the course one additional time in the future;
- share any materials or artifacts that are developed for the course;
- provide a paragraph summary of the experience of the course, along with students' and community partner's experiences.

### **Application Procedures**

Applicants must provide a cover page ([www.uaa.alaska.edu/engage](http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/engage)) with:

- a description of the community engaged course proposed that you will commit to.
- a timeline projected for three stages of the project

Please send the one-page electronic copy of the application material to the Center for Community Engagement & Learning **August 19, 2010** to [engage@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:engage@uaa.alaska.edu).