

FACULTY AND COURSE DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH THE MELLON THREE RIVERS CENTER GRANT - 2010

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation awarded a grant to Macalester College in July 2007 to support the development of the **Three Rivers Center** (the three rivers being the Mississippi, Minnesota and St. Croix). The grant provides support to:

- 1) innovate, assess and refine **curriculum** that takes advantage of the diverse learning opportunities the Three Rivers offer; and,
- 2) extend conventional instruction into the field through field-based modules integrated into courses and through **student-faculty research collaborations** undertaken primarily in the summer.

Funding Opportunities

Course Development Grants

The Three Rivers Center will foster course development related to the Three Rivers. There are two major ways in which these course development grants can be utilized:

1. To develop new courses related to the Three Rivers, or
2. To revise existing courses to include a significant component related to the Three Rivers.

Course development stipends -	\$5000
Incentives for Interdisciplinary Collaboration -	\$5000
Course revision stipends -	\$1000

Course Development grants can be used to provide stipends to faculty or course replacements to insure that “core” courses in a department are not lost during course development. In other instances, faculty may receive stipends to develop new skills in GIS or to consult with faculty colleagues as they later develop or revise courses during the summer. In still other cases, faculty may benefit from team teaching the initial offering of new or revised courses and stipends or course replacement funds can be requested. Finally, faculty who take the lead in course reformulation might teach new offerings with professors whose course offerings dovetail with the new courses. There will be 4-6 course development grants available for 2010-2011.

Information from past grant recipients can be found at

<http://www.macalester.edu/environmentalstudies/threerivers/facultycoursedevelopment/coursedev.htm>

Student-Faculty Research Collaborations

Similar in nature to the Student-Faculty Collaborative Research Program (Keck) sponsored by the College, the Mellon Three Rivers Center will sponsor student-faculty collaborations that are connected in some way to the river environments. We've had students in history, geography, geology and biology funded in the past. We are particularly interested in projects that extend beyond these departments. We have funding for 4 students during the summer of 2010.

Summer student stipend-	\$3850 (+ FICA)
Materials/travel -	\$ 600
Summer Housing-	Provided by Provost – students must buy meal plan

Information on student projects from past summers can be found at <http://www.macalester.edu/environmentalstudies/threerivers/studentprojects>

Deadlines

Applications are due January 15, 2010.

An application form can be found on the Three Rivers website at <http://www.macalester.edu/environmentalstudies/threerivers/facultycoursedevelopment/opportunities.htm>.

Please forward all application to:
Ann Esson, Department of Environmental Studies.

Criteria for Selection:

- Relationship between the proposed project and the goals of the Mellon Grant
- Impact of proposed activity on faculty professional (teaching/scholarly) development
- Clear articulation of the relationship between budget and proposed project
- Order of Priority – tenured or tenure-track faculty, Adjunct Professors, long-term part-time faculty, full-time non-tenure-track faculty with at least one year on their contract.

Review Process

Proposals will be reviewed by Dan Hornbach and Dave Lanegran – co-PIs for the Three Rivers Mellon Grant.¹

¹ NOTE: Grant recipients are required to submit a report to include new or revised syllabi, conference programs, research report, etc. so we can present them on the Three Rivers Website and use them in our reports to the Mellon Foundation

Application for Funding from the Mellon Three Rivers Center

Name _____

Department _____

Position _____

Program to which you are applying

Course Development _____
Student Faculty Collaborations _____

Total Funding Request \$ _____

Attach the following:

1-3 page description of the project

Budget

Curriculum vitae

For course development/collaboration grants a note of support from your
Department Chair

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