

## **CRADLE: CREATIVE AND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES DEVELOPMENT AND ENRICHMENT INITIATIVE III**

The Office of the Provost and the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) invite applications for the 2011 CRADLE III initiative. Up to 10 fellows will be selected to participate for two years, beginning in fall 2011, with preference to tenure-track faculty.

### **Purpose**

CRADLE aims to develop competitive external proposals to support multiyear research projects and creative activities. Fellows will receive assistance from both internal and external consultants to improve their grantsmanship and to articulate a 5-year career plan that incorporates proven strategies for developing and funding superior research and creative activities.

### **Award**

Fellows will receive group and individual training with grants consultant David Bauer over the two-year period and ORSP assistance. They will also receive a \$5K summer stipend to focus on the program, half in the summer between the first and second years and the other half at the end of the second year, as well as a \$1K travel supplement.

### **Program**

Fellows will contract with the Office of the Provost and ORSP to participate as follows:

#### September 2011

- Attend intensive one and one-half day grants workshop
- Participate in an individual interview with an outside grant consultant to clarify proposal agenda and professional development plan (PDP)

#### December 2011

- Participate in an hour-long individual interview with the grants consultant to review progress on the PDP
- Develop a project outline for approval as potentially fundable by the grants consultant
- Identify three top scholars in the field who might be approached for proposal review

#### April 2012

- Participate in a half-day seminar on Forming Productive Groups and Teams *or* a half-day seminar on Quality Circles\*
- Participate in an hour-long individual interview with the grants consultant to review and adapt PDP strategies
- Establish phone or email contact with at least one scholar who will serve as a proposal mentor
- Refine white paper into 5-10 page scope-of-work

- Identify potential funding sources and develop letters of inquiry, making site visits to top scholars and funding sources as necessary

#### Summer 2012

- Develop full proposal for submission to funding source
- Have proposal reviewed by proposal mentor
- Have proposal reviewed and approved by grants consultant
- Make site visits to top scholars and funding sources as necessary

#### September 2012

- Participate in an hour-long individual interview with the grants consultant
- Participate in a half-day seminar on Forming Productive Groups and Teams *or* a half-day seminar on Quality Circles\*
- Refine and submit proposals not submitted in the summer

*\*Participants will be expected to put their proposals through a quality circle improvement exercise and to assist other CRADLE Fellows by acting as participant reviewers or a quality circle leader*

#### December 2012

- Participate in an hour-long individual interview with the grants consultant
- Discuss proposal reviews/feedback as received
- Refine and resubmit proposals for funding

#### April 2013

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Application forms (attached) should be submitted electronically to Susan Edwards (edwardss@wfu.edu) by 5 P.M. on 18 March 2011. Applicants will be notified of selection in May 2011.