

TRIAD Interuniversity Project Planning Grants (TIPP) Request for Proposals

In 2011-2012, the Provost's Offices at NC A&T, UNCG, WFU, and WSSU will fund two one-year planning grants for interdisciplinary projects that bring together faculty teams from the four universities. Each award of up to \$20,000 supports development of a larger project to be funded internally for \$100,000 over the FY2012 academic year and possibly submitted for additional external funding. Proposals for the larger project will be due in Spring 2012.

Planning grants and follow-on funding seek to enable faculty to accomplish scholarship and creative work that require the insight, inspiration, and assistance of other scholars or artists. Proposed projects should build the institutions' academic reputation in the focus area and intellectual community among faculty and students. Once started, they should attract and mentor new members with related interests. We hope they will lead to interinstitutional centers that will focus national attention on the topic and the region's unique ability to address it.

All four participating universities must be represented on the project, led by faculty teams drawn from two or more academic, scientific, or artistic disciplines that each brings a unique perspective to the endeavor. They may engage students and attract funding and scholars from other institutions.

Applications must clearly define important topics or questions and demonstrate why proposing faculty are uniquely qualified to address them. What will the group do together that differs from and supplements what they are doing individually? How will the proposed topics or questions be fully detailed in the one-year planning phase? What valuable outcome will be achieved with increased funding in FY2012?

Applications for TIPP Grants require:

1. project title;
2. a 2-page description of the project's intellectual focus and how it will advance knowledge, teaching, research, or creative work;
3. name, affiliation, and 3-page CV for at least 4 and no more than 8 full-time, tenured or tenure-track faculty, one from each of the 4 institutions, to include the project director;
4. a 4-page plan for project development, describing preliminary work and possible outcomes in terms of additional collaborations and external funding; and
5. the budget, up to \$20,000 and justification (1-2 pages). Eligible items include supplies; travel; modest honoraria for visitors; site visits/workshops/seminars to determine best practices or develop teams and ideas; project personnel salaries; and up to \$2000 in additional compensation/summer salary, plus appropriate fringe benefits, for faculty from each university (\$8K total for faculty salaries).

The State Auditor and each participating university's internal auditors shall have access to persons and records as a result of all contracts or grants entered into by State agencies or political subdivisions in accordance with General Statute 147-64.7 and Session Law 2010-194, Section 21 (i.e., the State Auditors and internal auditors may audit the records of the contractor during the term of the contract to verify accounts and data affecting fees or performance).

Submit completed applications electronically to Susan Edwards, edwardss@wfu.edu, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, WFU, by 5 P.M., Friday, March 25, 2011. Proposals will be reviewed in April by an ad hoc committee of faculty (2 per institution) appointed by the Provosts. It will make funding recommendations to the Provosts, who will make the final decisions. Awards may begin as early as May 15, 2011.