21-22 GRANT WRITING MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The UIS Strategic Compass (2018) describes a campus with World-Class Teachers. Part of being a world-class teacher is embodying the Teacher-Scholar model, including writing external grant proposals to fund the research and innovation activities of faculty, staff and students.

The Provost’s office is making available a limited number of Grant Writing Mentorship (GRM) Awards to full time faculty (Tenure Track and Non-Tenure Track) to provide support as they develop and submit grant proposals to outside agencies. Successful applicants to this program will be assigned a grant writing mentor and will be expected to meet regularly with their mentor in order to fully develop their grant proposal(s).

Individual(s) may receive up to $1,000 in support for projects; for multiple researchers a total of $2,000 will be available regardless of the number of investigators. Mentor(s) will receive a $500 honorarium (stipend or development funds). In return for receiving a GRM award, the individual(s) agrees to submit, within 12 months, a grant proposal to an agency outside the U of Illinois system; the amount of the grant pursued should be greater than the internal award received. The GRM award will be given as Professional Development funds and may be used for any project and not necessarily for the specific proposal.

To apply for this program, please submit an electronic application at https://go.uis.edu/Grant_writing by January 24, 2022.

The application consists of a project description, which includes the following:

1. Topic
2. Purpose statement
3. Significance (intellectual merit and broader impact)
4. Target audience/potential agency
5. Objective(s) (itemized, concise, clear)
6. Methods (How will the objectives be accomplished?)
7. Requested resources (from the external funder and/or UIS match)
8. Existing resources (at UIS or other)
9. What is unique about your contributions/approach?
10. Project budget and budget justification
11. Funder's 'Overhead' ('Indirect Costs', 'Facilities & Administrative Costs') allowance
12. A 2-page c.v. of the individual(s)

Applications will be reviewed by the Research Board and awards will be made by March 1, 2022. The review will be based upon the criteria outlined above in the Project Description. Preference will be given to tenure-system faculty. Upon award of a grant proposal, the individual(s) and their mentor(s) will receive the grant funds.