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2018 Call for Faculty Fellowships

Proposals due February 15th, 2018

With this solicitation, the Montana Space Grant Consortium (MSGC) calls for proposals for faculty fellowships. The purpose of the faculty fellowships is to foster increased NASA-related research capabilities and activity on Montana campuses, especially activity involving undergraduate students. In this case, we mean 'NASA-related' broadly - encompassing most Science, Technology, Engineering or Math (STEM) fields. Examples of supported fields beyond traditionally-thought-of NASA fields include geospatial technology, information technology, biochemistry, earth science, ecology, etc.

Faculty fellowship funding:

- Fellowships can be applied any time of year but cannot be added compensation. Therefore, we anticipate that most fellowships will take place in the summer months.
- The amount of fellowships can range between \$1,500 and \$7,500 and are offered at a flat rate of \$1,500 per full-time week. Fellowship award amounts must be matched 1:1 (non-federal) by the home institution. It is anticipated that the majority of matching funds will be in-kind academic year appointment time already covered by the institution.

Eligible faculty members must:

- Have a faculty, college instructor, or research professional title at a MSGC member institution. Member institutions: <http://spacegrant.montana.edu/members.html>.
- Be a US citizen.
- Be appointed in a STEM field.

Fellowships are intended to give Montana researchers time to participate in training, professional development, and research that furthers their careers in fields of interest to NASA. MSGC will not support fellows in medical areas (see Montana medical-related opportunities with Montana INBRE: <http://www.inbre.montana.edu/>). Priority is given to faculty who:

- Will concurrently mentor MSGC Apprentices or academic year ARES students (see <http://spacegrant.montana.edu> for more information about Apprenticeship and ARES opportunities).
- Work at smaller Montana campuses, meaning any member campus other than MSU and UM.
- Will undergo training or conduct a project directly related to current NASA research (see list: <http://www.nasaepscor.montana.edu/interest.html>).
- Are junior faculty members.

2018 Faculty fellowship timeline:

- Proposals are due February 15, 2018.
- Award decisions will be made by February 28, 2018.

- Fellowships can begin as early as May 7, 2018 and must conclude no later than December 31, 2018.
- Fellowship stipend checks are paid in one or two installments during the chosen course of the fellowship.
- Upon conclusion of the chosen fellowship period, faculty must submit a cost matching form signed by their department head or equivalent.
- Upon conclusion of the chosen fellowship period, faculty must submit a 2-4 page report summarizing their accomplishments with respect to the stated goals and objectives.

Proposal format (collected into a single PDF file):

- Project description. Four-page maximum, one inch margins, 12-point font. Include measurable goals and objectives.
- Training/professional development description. One-page maximum. Describe how the proposed project acts as training and/or professional development.
- Description of student involvement including brief description of lab/work environment. Two-page maximum.
- Timeline, including the proposed fellowship length. One-page maximum.
- Letter of support from current department head or equivalent that includes commitment of matching funds.

Proposal submission:

- Find and click the Faculty Fellowship submission button on <http://spacegrant.montana.edu>.
- Use password "MSGC-FF-2018".
- Follow the instructions to fill out the form and submit single proposal PDF file.
- Proposals are due February 15, 2018.

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