A Call for Pre-Proposals for ACM-Mellon Faculty Career Enhancement Program (FaCE): Enhancing Faculty Capacity for Innovation

Submission deadline: Friday, February 24, 2017
Consult your Faculty Development Liaison for internal campus deadline!

Overview
This Call for Pre-Proposals (2-3 pages) invites initial ideas from ACM faculty interested in collaborating with their ACM peers to pursue projects aimed at innovation.

The Faculty Career Enhancement Program (FaCE) (www.ACM.edu/FaCE) program aims to fund joint research projects, teaching and learning collaborations, collaboratively organized events, reading groups, and other cooperative initiatives that:

- Engage faculty either from multiple institutions or from different departments within a single institution;
- Identify and test new approaches that have the potential to address current challenges or opportunities faced by liberal arts colleges and their faculty; and
- Show plans to become sustainable on the campuses involved and demonstrate the potential to be replicable on other campuses through effective dissemination strategies.

Each year, FaCE identifies and emphasizes a theme in a Fall conference that is designed to prompt ideas for projects that might fit within the broader parameters articulated above. Over the past three years, annual FaCE conferences have focused on Strategies for Building Community (On, Off, and Across Liberal Arts Campuses) (2016), Cognitive Science and the Liberal Arts (2015), and Technology Enabled Education: Enhancing Faculty and Student Engagement in the Liberal Arts College (2014). These annual themes are not intended to narrow the vision that faculty might have in proposing projects to address other challenges or opportunities liberal arts colleges face. The FaCE Steering Committee hopes that projects proposed each round will include a mix of proposals related and unrelated to these themes.

What challenge or opportunity faced by liberal arts colleges affects your work as a faculty member? What collaborative innovation might you propose as a way of addressing that challenge or leveraging the opportunity? What would be new, and how could this change be sustained? These are the types of projects the FaCE Steering Committee would welcome in an initial Pre-Proposal.

Process and Selection Criteria
Typically, grant awards will range from $5,000 to $30,000. Projects that involve several collaborators from multiple campuses, demonstrate significant complexity in other aspects of the plan, or justify a higher grant award in other ways may be funded up to a maximum of $50,000.

In assessing the potential of the projects proposed for funding, the Steering Committee will consider:
- the degree to which the project is collaborative in nature, involving either faculty from two or more ACM institutions or from across departments within a single institution;
- the extent to which the project facilitates innovative approaches to addressing current challenges or opportunities faced by liberal arts colleges and their faculty;
- the soundness of the proposed plan for achieving the goals of the project;
- plans for using and sustaining the results on the campuses involved;
- plans for disseminating the results to other ACM campuses and beyond; and
- the project’s potential for promoting innovation within the ACM and beyond.
FaCE grant awards support the resources necessary to initiate, conduct, disseminate, and help institutionalize the activities and results of projects. Budget items may include supplies, targeted purchases of technology support that evidence an institutional plan to match and upgrade over time, travel and lodging, meetings, dissemination strategies such as white papers, presentations at seminars and conferences, websites, and the like. Funding may also cover honoraria for guest speakers, workshop leaders, or consultants, as well as conference materials.

Because FaCE seeks to sustain and share the significant results and products from each activity funded, successful pre-proposals will include ideas about how to institutionalize results on participating campuses and for disseminating the results more broadly. Dissemination ideas should outline strategies for sharing the work of the collaboration with a wider audience such as conference presentations, publications, and/or a website to disseminate resources and findings, and should identify, in at least a preliminary way, the most likely audiences within the consortium and beyond.

**Prompts for Pre-Proposals**

- **Title for the Proposed Project**
- **Project Team:** List the name, college, discipline, and e-mail of each participating faculty member. *Each team must be composed of faculty from across disciplines within a single college, or from across a subset of the fourteen colleges within the ACM.*
- **Abstract/synopsis:** Briefly describe the overall project idea, showing the connections among the problem it seeks to address, the goals it aims to achieve, and the major activities in which project participants would engage to achieve those goals. (up to 250 words)
- **FaCE Goal of Addressing a Challenge or Opportunity Facing Liberal Arts Colleges and their Faculty:** Briefly describe the goal(s) of the project and the challenge/opportunity the project is intended to address. (up to 200 words)
- **Activities, Outcomes, and Results:** Briefly describe the primary activities the project team would undertake, as well as the anticipated outcomes and results. (up to 200 words)
- **Dissemination:** Briefly describe how the project team intends to share the project’s learnings and outcomes on ACM campuses and, if applicable, with the broader higher education community. (up to 200 words)
- **Estimated Funding Amount:** Provide an estimate of the total funding necessary to complete the proposed project. *(This is intended only as an estimate at the Pre-Proposal stage; those invited to submit Full Proposals will submit a detailed budget with expense categories, etc.)*

**Instructions for Submitting FaCE Pre-Proposals**

- Prior to preparing a Pre-Proposal, each participating faculty member should talk with his/her Academic Dean and/or Faculty Development Liaison to ensure that the proposed project is consistent with institutional priorities. *If selected to move to the Full Proposal phase, a letter confirming the backing and support of the Academic Dean or Provost for project leaders committing significant time to the project will be a required component of the final submission package.*
- Please feel free to contact ACM Liaison for Innovation and Collaboration in Teaching and Learning, Ed Finn (312.561.5923 or efinn@ACM.edu), for advice on developing your ideas in conjunction with the funding parameters.
- Submit a Pre-Proposal application via the online portal at http://projects.ACM.edu by responding to the prompts outlined above.
- Completed Pre-Proposals must be submitted by **Friday, February 24, 2017.**