Overview

The COHPA Research Fellowship (Fellowship) is intended to assist faculty to develop competencies and knowledge of the grant development and submission process as a tool to enhance their professorial career. Up to five individuals will be selected as COHPA Research Fellows (Fellows) in the FY 2015-2016. Each participant in the Fellowship program will receive a stipend in the amount of $2,500 to be used in support of research related professional development. Application is open to faculty members of all ranks.

Fellows are required to identify a mentor who can serve as a guide in thinking about a grant project, planning for the development and submission of a grant application, and ultimately serve as a mentor/co-investigator of a funded grant project. Mentors will receive a $500 stipend for professional development.

1. Fellows are required to: 1) attend and participate in all four sessions conducted over the spring 2016 and summer 2016 terms; 2) prepare a substantively meaningful product, either a published concept paper or a research prospectus, by the end of the fellowship program; and 3) work closely with a mentor who may serve as Co-Investigator in the submission of a federal grant application. Fellows are expected to provide a written 1-2 page technical abstract of a potential research project as part of their application. Fellows are to include a list of their achievements as a result of the Fellowship program as part of their annual performance evaluation. Chairs will include this detail as part of the faculty’s annual review.

The evaluation criteria for applicants include: 1) strength of the application; 2) a support letter from the Chair/Director 3) the potential for generating a fundable project.

Application Guidelines

Five applicants from across COHPA will be selected for the Fellowship award. Applications are due to the Committee by November 16, 2015. Applicants will be notified of the committee’s decision by December 11, 2015.

The application consists of the following:

1. A one-page cover letter agreeing to the guidelines, activities and deliverables stated in the FY 2015-16 Fellowship Program

2. A written 1 to 2 page technical abstract of a potential research project

3. A Vita.

4. A letter of support from the Department Chair/Director.

Applications are to be submitted via email to the Research Office at COHPAResearch@ucf.edu

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