

Five Colleges, Incorporated
Request for Proposals

Concept Papers for Advancing Five College Cooperation
(Proposals Due December 16, 2011)

In 2009-10 the Five College Deans provided support for two dozen cross-campus planning projects. Many of these projects have now entered the implementation stage, some with additional funding. (Examples of successful concept paper proposals are available at fivecolleges.edu/rfp.)

We are pleased now to renew our call for concept papers proposing planning for new collaborations. Our goals in supporting new planning include increasing the quality and broadening the range of course offerings, creating new scholarly and teaching opportunities for faculty members, controlling costs and enhancing revenues.

Call for Concept Papers

Concept papers (no more than 1 1/2 pages, and emails are fine) should be submitted by December 16 to Nate Therien, Five College Director for Academic Programs, c/o sharrison@fivecolleges.edu. (Subject line: Five College Concept Papers).

Proposals should include:

- a list of the likely cooperating individuals, programs and/or departments; the names and institutions of the paper's major authors
- a description of the cooperation proposed, outlining advantages expected, obstacles and potential remedies, and a tentative timeline for implementation.

We seek sustainable change, so ideas should be based on more efficient use of existing resources. Ideas generating revenue are also welcome. Where there are current obstacles to the implementation of particular ideas--such as class scheduling or other procedures, transportation difficulties, equipment shortages, technology gaps—the concept papers should identify these obstacles, as well as potential solutions. We hope for compelling proposals that will be given priority for Five College funding and resources.

We welcome ideas offering a variety of approaches to expanding cooperation, including plans that may involve fewer than all five campuses.