

Five Colleges, Incorporated
Request for Proposals

Five College Mellon Post-Doctoral Fellowships
(Extended Deadline: December 1, 2011)

With generous support from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the Five College Academic Deans are pleased to invite proposals from departments, programs and other cooperating groups at the five institutions for three-year postdoctoral fellowship positions beginning academic year 2012-13. Proposals are welcome for positions in the arts, humanities and social sciences, and in multidisciplinary fields that extend across divisions. The Deans anticipate approving up to five positions to be searched in 2011-12.

This program is designed to encourage recent recipients of PhDs to consider careers as teacher-scholars at liberal arts institutions by introducing them to a supportive and collegial cross-campus environment. It also seeks to strengthen and develop existing curricular programs by supporting the introduction of new areas within a discipline or an interdisciplinary field, especially where there is cross-campus interest; and to prevent the consortium-wide loss of specializations due to multiple retirements.

Fellows will be based on a single “home” campus where curricular needs and faculty scholarship especially suit their strengths and interests. Fellows will teach a total of six courses over three years, at least one at a campus other than the home campus. Courses may be distributed over the three years of the appointment in any combination appropriate to the needs of the institutions and conducive to the professional development of the fellow.

Proposals should:

- Name a home institution and describe the need for the position, referencing current and future curricular needs both at the home institution and other campuses, as well as the position’s likely contribution to scholarship across the consortium;
- Describe how the fellow would be mentored in both teaching and scholarly work, particularly on the home campus;
- Name one or more mid or senior level faculty members, on the home campus or others in the consortium, who might partner with the fellow as research colleagues;
- Outline a plan describing when and where courses would be offered over the three years of the fellowship and explain how this allocation addresses the needs of the campuses while supporting the professional development of the fellow;
- Include expressions of interest from one or more departments outside the home campus.

Proposals should be developed in consultation with the home campus dean and the Five College office. Five College Academic Program Director Nate Therien (ntherien@fivecolleges.edu) is available for consultation regarding proposals at all stages of preparation.

Submission should be to the Five College office by email (to sharrison@fivecolleges.edu using subject line: Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship) or by campus mail. (Submission by MSWord email attachment is preferred.)