Dean’s Teaching Innovation Award FY2014-2015

For What: Funding for innovations in teaching (classroom or field education) related to COSW. 2 proposal awards; maximum up to $3,500 each (projects with smaller budgets are fine.)

Who is Eligible: Tenure-track and clinical teaching faculty with at least a 50% appointment in the College of Social Work are eligible to submit applications as Principal Investigators. Other College of Social Work faculty may participate as Co-Investigators.

Appropriate Expenditures: The funding can be used for a wide variety of teaching-related expenditures for the project, such as (but not limited to) equipment, supplies, student salary, faculty summer salary, related training, travel and contractual expenses. (Purchase of food and beverages are not allowed.)

Support Period: Up to 12 months (earliest possible start date: July 1, 2014).

Elements of the Application:
Proposal (3 page maximum, single-spaced, 12 point font for readability):
 Clearly describe the purpose of the project including brief background, conceptual basis, why an innovation is needed, the specific project goal, and in what way the project is innovative;
 Briefly describe the specific procedures, and activities that would be undertaken for the project;
 Briefly describe how you will evaluate the effectiveness or impact of the teaching innovation;
 Describe the time period and amount of support requested;
 Describe the role of the proposal project in the College’s academic goals: 1) improving the quality of social work education across academic programs, with emphasis on the MSW; 2) expanding quality research and scholarship that addresses the key challenges facing South Carolina and beyond; 3) and expanding positive relationships with community partners and increasing our community-engaged collaborations.
 Describe the specific deliverables and/or anticipated products of the proposed project, including scholarly publications and presentations.

References Cited
(This section does not count in the page limit of the proposal.)

Budget and Budget Explanation

Review Procedures: Each proposal will be reviewed by a three-member committee selected by the Dean. Reviewers will be asked to rate proposals based on the following criteria:
1. Soundness and clarity in the description of the proposal, including soundness of justification and procedures used (30%);
2. Potential for significant contributions to social work education (25 %);
3. Innovation and creativity, providing new directions in social work education (20 %);
4. Likelihood that support will advance the College’s overall educational goals (15 %);
5. The extent to which other funds for conducting the proposed project are limited (10 %).

Final funding awards will be made by the Dean based on recommendations of the committee.

Final Report: Awardedes will submit a final report by 30 days after the completion of their project, but no later than June 30, 2015. The report will contain (1) a brief summary of activities performed, 2) accomplishments, and (3) a final budget statement describing how all funds were used. The report will list all proposed or actual scholarly manuscripts for publication and conference presentations/posters that have been developed and submitted as a result of this funding, and all other ways in which the teaching innovation will be disseminated within the College and throughout the profession.

Application Deadline: Applications should be submitted via email to Deborah Duvall, COSW Assistant to the Dean (deborahd@mailbox.sc.edu), by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 11, 2014.