

Armstrong Atlantic State University

2008 Internal Grants Competitions for Faculty

AASU offers peer-adjudicated grant programs that support the research and teaching activities of its full-time faculty members. These grants provide funds to cover (or partially cover) materials, activities, services, and/or released time that will enable a faculty member to complete a project that meets review criteria. These grants may also provide seed funding for activities leading to future grant applications to external agencies. Requests for proposals (RFPs) for Research & Scholarship Grants, Teaching & Learning Grants, and the Arthur M. Gignilliat, Jr., Summer Research Fellowship are included in this packet. Brief summaries of the grants follow; please see the RFPs for more detailed information.

RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS. Projects submitted to this competition involve an investigation or study that aims to produce new facts or theories or apply such knowledge to problem solving within the discipline or across disciplines. Projects must be implemented in the spring of 2008. Results of research should be of a kind that may be submitted for publication in refereed journals. Members of AASU's Research & Scholarship Committee and the Vice President and Dean of Faculty (VP) review applications; final decisions are made by the VP. **The application deadline for Research & Scholarship Grants is October 19, 2007.**

TEACHING & LEARNING GRANTS. Projects submitted to this competition aim to strengthen the faculty member's pedagogical skills, or to extend the range of his or her teaching capabilities. Projects should explicitly address issues related to teaching and learning and do so in a systematic way with clearly defined outcomes, methods of assessment, and strategies for communicating results to other interested faculty. Projects must be implemented in the spring of 2008. Members of AASU's Faculty Development Committee and the Vice President and Dean of Faculty (VP) review applications; final decisions are made by the VP. **The application deadline for Teaching & Learning Grants is October 19, 2007.**

ARTHUR M. GIGNILLIAT, Jr., SUMMER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP. This Fellowship will provide the recipient with financial support (\$5,000) to conduct research or creative work during the summer months of 2008. Members of AASU's Research & Scholarship Committee and the Vice President and Dean of Faculty (VP) review applications; final decisions are made by the VP. **The application deadline for the Gignilliat Fellowship is October 26, 2007.**

Individual investigators, co-investigators within the same discipline, or multidisciplinary teams may conduct these projects. A faculty member may serve as a *collaborator* on any number of proposals, but may serve as a *project director* (i.e., principal investigator) on only *one* grant or fellowship per academic year.

REVIEW PROCESS

In general, reviewers make their recommendations to the Vice President and Dean of Faculty according to these considerations:

- The merit and value of the proposed activity, especially its potential to enhance the applicant's performance as a teacher and/or researcher and/or community member;
- Evaluations and/or comments provided by the applicant's department head and dean;
- The clarity of the applicant's proposal (including budget statement) and its adherence to the general guidelines and the review criteria provided.

It is extremely important for the applicant to keep in mind that the proposal will be reviewed by professionals in other disciplines and that the proposal should be in clear and concise language that can be fairly evaluated by the reviewers. Both the quality of the project and the clarity of the proposal will enhance the chances of funding.