

## THE COLLINS FACULTY RESEARCH FUND SPRING 2013

The Collins Faculty Research Fund supports science faculty research in the area of environmental sciences. The fund will consider single year and multiyear projects. The funding of faculty research by the Collins Fund will be on a competitive basis. Project budgets up to \$5,000 will be considered. Below is a description of the funding priorities and application procedure for this fund.

### **What research will be funded:**

- 1) Research on human-influenced environmental systems. Preference will be given to work that is multidisciplinary and explicitly addresses broad civic impacts. No preference will be given for applied versus basic research.
- 2) Behavioral research will be funded provided it relates to evolutionary or ecological aspects of animals in natural or human-influenced biological systems.

### **What types of projects will be funded:**

- 1) Funding of projects that are near to completion (within 1 year), where clear attempts to publish the work are being made (draft manuscript, paper/poster presentation, etc.).
- 2) Start-up of new faculty research that is intended to contribute to the main scholarly work of the faculty member. These funds are intended to make an applicant competitive for local, state, or national funding options.
- 3) Sustained funding of a productive research program that is not currently funded or of related projects that are an offshoot of a funded research project.
- 4) Funding of equipment (where there are demonstrable research objectives).
- 5) Training and development of faculty in new research areas.

### **Fundable expenses:**

- 1) Supplies and expendable materials
- 2) Travel to research sites (including travel, lodging, lab-space rental)
- 3) Low-cost equipment items (under \$1,000)
- 4) Research assistance
- 5) Costs of training workshops to learn new skills
- 6) Permanent equipment (greater than \$1,000)
- 7) Expensive multi-user equipment

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### Application Procedure

#### Applicants should submit:

- 1) A project description of no more than 3 single-spaced pages which includes a statement of the specific questions to be asked and methods to be used, how the work is

multidisciplinary and how it has civic impact,

2) Literature cited,

3) A description of how the project relates to the research program of the faculty member,

4) A detailed budget summary, and

5) A biographical sketch (two pages maximum, with 5 papers related to research, and up to 5 other papers cited).

Applications will be reviewed by the Environmental Research Institute Steering Committee (members include: Marshall Pregnall, Mary Ann Cunningham, Alison Spodek, Benjamin Ho, and Pinar Batur).

Complete applications are due on Monday March 25, 2013.

Send application materials to Catherine Meyer in the ENST office via email [cameyer@vassar.edu](mailto:cameyer@vassar.edu).