

## **Stuart D. Cook MD Master Educators' Guild**

### **Request for Proposals for Interdisciplinary Grants to Support Educational Scholarship**

#### **Organizational Overview**

The purpose of the Master Educator's Guild (MEG) is to recognize and promote excellence in the University's educational mission and to contribute to educational scholarship, research and innovation. Excellence may be demonstrated in any instructional setting including classroom instruction, hospital or clinic teaching, laboratory instruction, research mentoring and instruction, continuing education, community-based instructional setting or electronically mediated teaching and learning. The Guild and its members also may initiate or promote curricular and faculty development, new educational programs, individuals or collaborative educational research, scholarship and innovative methods of teaching, subject to the authority and control of the President of the UMDNJ or his or her designee and in accord with the bylaws of the University. The Guild shall furthermore encourage the University to support the teaching mission logistically and financially.

#### **Funding Program Description**

The MEG has committed to funding a limited number (2-3 projects) of University-wide interdisciplinary grants to support education research. Each grant will be for **no more than** \$15,000 each and may be for 1-3 years. Projects that could be funded through this mechanism include the testing of new teaching methods and the development and evaluation of new curricula. The proposal review committee is looking for well developed projects with strong evaluation components. If a proposal includes the evaluation of a teaching program, it should include a control group and/or an experimental design.

#### **Eligibility**

All UMDNJ faculty are eligible to apply for this funding as long as they partner with a member of the UMDNJ MEG, who must be the PI or Co-PI of the project. A membership list appears on the MEG website at: <http://meg.umdj.edu/members.htm>. Proposals which are multi-disciplinary and involve students are encouraged. Funds may be used to cover travel expenses to present at meetings and to support students involved in the projects.

#### **Distribution Process for RFP**

Notice of the availability of funds to support educational research projects will be posted on the MEG webpage and the UMDNJ online newsletter and distributed to all members of the MEG and the UMDNJ faculty using UMDNJ e-mail distribution lists.

**Submission Deadline: September 10, 2009**

**Award Date: January 1, 2010**

Updated RFP  
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### **Application Process**

Applicants must submit a proposal for review by the MEG's Research Review Group, a subcommittee of the MEG's Research Scholarship Committee.

Project proposals should be 5-9 pages in length describing:

- The background of the study
- Study objectives
- Study design
- Setting and participants
- IRB considerations
- Intervention being addressed (if applicable)
- Main outcome measures
- Expected results
- Study timeline
- Detailed budget with justification
- Plan for the implementation and dissemination of study findings

In addition, applications should include

- List of study personnel describing their contributions to the project with an NIH style biographical sketch for each member of the study team
- Letter(s) of support from the PI and Co-PIs Chair(s) stating their support for the project and the time committed to it by their faculty.

All applicants must follow the usual procedures for grant applications including approval from the PI's UMDNJ School's Office of Research and Sponsored Programs and submission of completed GAFA and Financial Disclosure Form forms.

### **Submit Proposals Electronically to:**

Chair, Research Review Group

c/o [Secretary, Stuart D. Cook MD Master Educator's Guild](#)

### **Review Process**

The MEG's Research Review Group will be composed of MEG members. All applications will be reviewed independently by two reviewers. Each reviewer will provide a preliminary score based on the responses to the items requested above in the description of the project proposal. Once all submitted applications are reviewed, the committee will meet to discuss the merits of each application and each application will then receive a final score. Funding decisions will be based upon these scores. Once an application is approved, funding will be distributed to the PI after the MEG receives a copy of the approved UMDNJ IRB application.

### **For Additional Information or Clarification, Contact**

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