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To: Deans, Directors, and Department Heads
All full-time tenured, tenure-track, and clinical faculty at the rank of
Assistant Professor and above

From: Dennis R. Judd, Acting Director
Rachel Weber, Associate Director, Research and Program Development

Re: Great Cities Institute Faculty Scholar Competition, 2012-2013
A Request for Proposals

The Great Cities Institute is inviting proposals for its seventeenth annual Faculty Scholar competition. The Great Cities Institute, a campus-wide institute with a campus-wide mission, is housed in the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs. Since its inception in 1995, the Institute has appointed 146 Scholars from 34 different departments and other units at UIC. Over the years the Faculty Scholars have contributed to UIC's mission as a land-grant urban university by engaging in an ongoing conversation about the relationship between scholarship and the quality of life in cities and metropolitan regions. They have made seminar presentations, organized public events, and conducted highly-regarded research that has contributed to their own professional development, enriched their respective academic disciplines and led to changes in policy and professional practice outside the academy.

For the 2012-2013 competition the Institute has designated a theme that must be addressed in all the proposals: *Envisioning Equality*. The Institute is interested in proposals that speak to this theme because of its relevance to the quality of life of urban residents and because such a theme will encourage interdisciplinary collaboration and synergies among the cohort of individual faculty scholars and research teams. We anticipate that proposals addressing issues of equality and inequality in society may come from a broad array of disciplines reaching across the humanities, social sciences, physical sciences, and professional fields; for example, we believe this theme might be effectively addressed through art, the performing arts, philosophy, history, and all the social sciences. Across the medical sciences and professional disciplines a variety of topics would also be appropriate, including issues of access to medical, educational services and resources and disparities in outcomes. In the physical sciences, proposals might address the ability of different populations to access and utilize scientific knowledge and technology and the benefits of scientific discovery. We urge applicants to be creative in thinking about how their research area intersects with the topic; please treat the above description as mainly illustrative.

Proposals from individual researchers and research teams will be accepted. Currently, the Institute has openings for up to 6 Faculty Scholars with terms of appointment for up to one full academic year beginning in the Fall Semester, 2012. Research teams may choose to share a one-year appointment, but an individual team may not receive more than one-year equivalent. In exchange for active participation in the Institute's activities, the Scholars will be released from formal teaching and administrative obligations during the time of their appointment.

If you have any questions concerning the Faculty Scholar Competition, please contact us at DJUDD@UIC.EDU or RACHELW@UIC.EDU, or email Taryn McCook, Program Coordinator for the Director's Office, at tmccoo2@uic.edu. We look forward to receiving your proposals.

ELIGIBILITY

All tenured, tenure-track, and clinical faculty at the rank of assistant professor and above are eligible to apply for this award.

GREAT CITIES INSTITUTE FACULTY SCHOLAR COMPETITION 2012-2013



GUIDELINES

The 2012-2013 Great Cities Institute Faculty Scholar Competition is guided by the principle that the Institute should encourage collaborative, cross-disciplinary research on topics that affect the quality of life of people living in Chicago, its metropolitan region, and other great cities and urban regions around the world. This year's theme is *Envisioning Equality*. Priority will be given to proposals that have a high potential to promote a true synergy among scholars working on the topic, create enduring collaborative relationships, and attract funding from outside the university. Proposals on this topic from individual faculty members and research teams will be considered. Multi-disciplinary proposals should involve collaboration from a research team composed of two or more faculty representing different disciplines, departments, or colleges. Although Scholar appointments are available only to UIC faculty, a research team may include collaboration with researchers from other colleges and universities. In such cases, the Principal Investigator and the Faculty Scholar must be a UIC faculty member. The members of the research team must designate how the one-year faculty scholar appointment will be apportioned.

During the funding year the Faculty Scholars, whether working individually or as a team, will be asked to coordinate with the Institute in organizing public presentations,

colloquia, working papers, and events related to the topic *Envisioning Equality*. The Institute will provide Faculty Scholars with research and administrative support, including seminar and meeting facilities and, as available, research assistantships and office space. At the end of the academic year, each Faculty Scholar and/or team of scholars will provide the Institute with a report on its activities.

The Institute facilitates engaged research that has relevance to urban issues and policy problems in Chicago and in urban settings throughout the world. We encourage proposals that involve an active relationship between the Faculty Scholars and constituencies external to the university.

Work at the Institute

Great Cities Faculty Scholars are expected to pursue their research and actively participate in the development and events of the Institute for the duration of their appointment. During their time in residence, individual scholars and/or research teams will:

- Implement a research program related to the theme *Envisioning Equality*,
- Participate in developing a program of events related to this topic,
- Contribute at least one paper to the Institute's Working Paper Series based on research conducted by individual scholars and/or a research team,
- Develop and, if possible, submit grant proposals,
- Actively participate in the development of the Great Cities Institute through its events, conferences, brown bags, and other GCI activities,
- Participate in the Honors College course, "Great Cities: UIC's Metropolitan Commitment",
- Participate in the Great Cities Institute Lecture Series by giving at least one public seminar.

Answers to most commonly asked questions

Summer salary is not included in the appointment, but office space at GCI, depending upon availability, can be provided upon request during the academic year and the summer.

For grant applications initiated by the Institute, ICR (indirect cost recovery) distribution is negotiated. It is the intention of the Institute to be as liberal as possible in supporting the home units of Scholars as sites of credit for faculty research activities.

Departments will be compensated for the cost of covering courses normally taught by the Institute Scholars at the rate of \$4,500 per course. Therefore, a full-time appointment is generally reimbursed at \$18,000 per academic year. In exceptional circumstances, this rate may be negotiated.

PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

An ORIGINAL and SIX (6) copies of the completed application must be submitted by 4:00 p.m., **FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2012** to Taryn McCook, Great Cities Institute, Suite 400, CUPPA Hall (412 South Peoria Street), M/C 107. Each research team submitting a proposal must designate a Principal Investigator. Faculty Scholar appointments for academic year 2012-2013 begin in the Fall Semester 2012 and continue through the Spring semester 2013. Application forms may also be obtained by accessing the Great Cities Institute website at <http://www.uic.edu/cuppa/gci/whatwedo/competitions/index.shtml>.

Decisions are expected to be made by mid-March 2012. The proposal will be subject to peer review by a committee composed of faculty from throughout UIC, past Faculty Scholars and representatives of GCI, who review and recommend scholars for the coming year.

IMPORTANT: It is essential that applicants discuss their GCI scholar application with department heads and/or deans as soon as feasible. Note that department heads and deans must sign the application cover sheet before it is submitted to the Institute. Applicants with appointments in more than one department/college are required to obtain signatures from the heads/deans of each department and college.

Submit the original together with six copies of:

- 1) the completed and signed cover sheet.
- 2) a 4-6 page proposal that addresses:
 - a. Purpose and description of the research,
 - b. The expected contribution to present knowledge about the controversies, policies, and consequences related to equality or inequality in contemporary society,
 - c. Background and expertise of the team participants,
 - d. External funding potential.
- 3) a current and complete CV.
- 4) a bio-sketch of not more than one page for each individual applicant or research team participant.

**COVER SHEET
GREAT CITIES INSTITUTE
FACULTY SCHOLAR COMPETITION
ACADEMIC YEAR 2012-2013**



Title of Research Project:

Names of Applicants:

Principal Investigator _____ UIN#: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____ MC _____ College: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Faculty Researcher _____ UIN#: _____

Title: _____

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Department: _____ MC _____ College: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Signatures:

Principle Investigator: _____

Additional researchers:

Date: _____

Department Head (Print): _____ Date: _____

Department Head (Signature): _____ Date: _____

Department Head Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Department Business Contact: _____ E-mail: _____

Dean (Print): _____ Date: _____

Dean (Signature): _____ Date: _____

Dean Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

This form may be reproduced for additional signatures. If you have multiple appointments, please use a separate form for each department.

Questions regarding the application procedure may be directed to Taryn McCook, Program Coordinator for the Director's Office at tmccoo2@uic.edu or 312.996-8874.