

## **DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACY PRACTICE**

### **CLINICAL FACULTY FELLOWSHIPS FOR PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT**

Clinical Faculty Fellowships for Professional Advancement offer faculty members an opportunity to extend their professional development through a new area of study that complements their major area of teaching, research, or engagement. Fellowships can be awarded for one semester or one calendar year.

The Department will make available a sum of \$5,000 per semester to the recipient in the form of supply and expense support for travel, equipment, software, and other similar expenses. As needed, the Department will assume responsibility for covering the teaching assignments and release of precepting obligations of the faculty recipient during the period of engagement in this program. Faculty will be expected to continue to provide clinical service during their release time. Awards will be made on a competitive basis. Typically, one award will be made each year.

The Clinical Faculty Fellowships for Professional Advancement are separate and distinct from the Protected Professional Development program for clinical track faculty. At the end of the academic year of the award, recipients will be asked to provide an account of their activity including a description of the benefits of the fellowship for the faculty member's teaching and scholarship, as a result of participation in the program.

The following guidelines apply:

1. This program is established for faculty to have release time from teaching and precepting to expand the range of their knowledge by the study of disciplines other than those in their present field(s) of specialization. Applicants must propose a program of study in a new discipline through auditing courses, undertaking independent study, conducting interdisciplinary research, or other activities that will contribute to competence in the new discipline. The new area of study must be supported by one or more advisers/collaborators from the host department, school, or center.
2. There must be a demonstrable relationship between the applicant's primary field of specialization and the new discipline of interest. Applications for study in a field the applicant already applies in his or her current work will not be considered.
3. To apply, the faculty member should first meet with the Department Head to discuss plans and obtain approval for released from teaching and precepting responsibilities. At his or her own discretion, the successful applicant can undertake Departmental activities provided that these do not interfere with the fellowship goals. An individual faculty member is eligible for this program once every 7 years.
4. Applications must be submitted to the Department Head on or before May 1 for consideration to be in the program for the upcoming academic year. The application must include:
  - (a) completed application form,
  - (b) updated curriculum vitae,

(c) the plan of study, which should not exceed four typewritten pages, should explain how time will be spent and how such study will enhance one's research, teaching, and/or engagement activities in a primary discipline.

Therefore the plan of study should include: • Rationale • Objective • Benefits to research, teaching and/or engagement • Benefits to extramural funding • Summary

(d) letter of support from the department head, and

(e) a letter of support from the host faculty member.

Three broad criteria will guide the selection process by the Department Head:

(a) the demonstrated need for professional advancement in another discipline that expands one's research, teaching, and/or engagement activities,

(b) the potential for the proposed project to add significantly to the knowledge in both disciplines, and

(c) the degree to which the interdisciplinary work advances either or both departments' strategic plans