

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The UNC School of Medicine Academy of Educators Innovation Award

The purpose of this call for proposals is to encourage small-scale pilot teaching projects to be completed within 12 -15 months. We are interested in a broad variety of teaching innovations tools/techniques that can be applied to undergraduate medical education (teaching of medical students).

Process: This is a 2-step process: A written application will identify a group of finalists who will be invited to do a brief 5-10 minute presentation to the committee.

Eligibility:

1. Principal investigator must be a member of the UNC SOM faculty involved in medical student education. Involvement of graduate students and post-doctoral students is encouraged

Guidelines for Proposal:

One electronic copy of the completed, 2-page proposal will be due by **5:00 p.m. on May 20th, 2008**. The proposal should not exceed 2 single-spaced pages (1 inch margins; font at least 11-point) and include:

Title Page (not included in 2 page limit)

- Project Title
- Name, professional title, department, institution, address, work telephone number(s), e-mail address and fax number
- Abstract (300 words)

Research Plan (maximum of 2 single-spaced pages)

- Specific Aims and Rationale
- Background and Significance
 - Research Design and Methods
 - Project Evaluation/Expected outcome
- Strengths and limitations
- Proposed project timeline
- Appendices, **ONLY** if necessary;

Budget Page: A one-page budget and budget justification

Budget Guidelines:

We anticipate awarding between 3 and 6 grants with budgets ranging from \$2500.00 to \$5000.00 each. Projects must be completed within twelve months. If the project requires IRB approval, 3 months will be extended to the project.

A final report is due within 30 days after project period has ended. Funds **may** be used to pay for tool development, surveys, supplies, analyses and support for a student assistant (cannot use for salary of a permanent employee)

Award money **may not** be used to pay for university overhead, clinical patient care, for the purchase of computer hardware or food.

Important Dates:

Full proposal deadline: May 15th, 2008 by 5:00 p.m.

Invited presentations: Early June, 2008

Notification of award: Prior to June 30th, 2008

Anticipated start date: July 1, 2008

**Applications are due electronically before 5:00 p.m. on May 15th, 2008 to
Maria Ferris and Edward Kernick**

For questions regarding this pilot RFA, please contact

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