

2015 Preparing Future Faculty Postdoctoral Fellowship Program

The Office of Research and Graduate Studies is pleased to announce funding for postdoctoral fellowships through the Preparing Future Faculty Postdoctoral Fellowship Program.

The **goal** of the PFF Postdoctoral Fellowship Program is to provide and/or expand teaching and professional development opportunities for postdoctoral fellows on the MU campus. The program allows recent MU Ph.D. graduates and/or current postdoctoral fellows, opportunities to serve as mentored faculty members at MU, to more fully prepare them for their careers. Fellows are invited to develop discipline-based or interdisciplinary courses or teach prepared courses in their discipline.

Eligibility for PFF Postdoctoral Fellowships is open to any postdoctoral fellow on the MU campus, as well as, MU graduate students who will be completing their degree prior to starting the Fellowship.

The Office of Graduate Studies will **match departmental/program funding** up to 50% for Fellows who teach two courses each semester (with a summer option) or 25% for Fellows who teach one course each semester (with a summer option). **It is expected that fellows will be fulltime, benefit eligible employees.** Programs should include ~35% for benefits in total cost which also will be split/matched by GS. Recent graduates who wish to expand their teaching resume while finalizing some writing or creative projects may elect to complete a postdoctoral fellowship at MU before embarking on an academic job search. Alternatively, research intensive postdoctoral fellows who need to add teaching experience to their academic skill set would receive release time from grant funding for course development/delivery and professional development. Funding normally is for one academic year but other models also will be considered. Applicants are encouraged to describe the best employment model that fits their situation.

Program components in addition to teaching, the program includes 1) participation in the Preparing Future Faculty course, unless the course was completed as a graduate student; 2) participation in professional development seminars, approximately 3 per semester; 3) identification of a campus mentor to facilitate the transition to a faculty role; and 4) departmental agreement to include the postdoctoral fellow in faculty meetings and/or curricular committee assignments or equivalent to provide an inclusive faculty-like appointment.

Applications should be submitted to the Office of Graduate Studies on or before May 11, 2015 for the 2015-2016 academic year to begin August 1, 2014. Applications should include a **letter of nomination** and support from the department or program chair that describes the 1) qualifications and merits of the recommended appointment; 2) agreement of departmental/program matching support, amount and FTE; 3) name of the faculty mentor, 4) courses the fellow will likely teach and 5) details of departmental/program professional development opportunities for the fellow (faculty meetings etc.).

The **applicant must submit** the attached form along with 1) a statement describing how they plan to leverage this fellowship and its components for career success based on the employment model outlined for the fellowship, 2) two letters of reference from faculty, 3) current curriculum vita and 4) nomination/support letter from the department chair (described above).

**2015 Preparing Future Faculty
Postdoctoral Fellowship Application**

Applicant Information

Name: _____

Campus Address: _____

Campus Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

School and Department where PhD obtained: _____

Date PhD obtained: _____

Title and Description of Course(s) to be
Developed/taught _____

Sponsor Information

A letter of commitment from the department chair or division head providing budgetary commitment and mentoring support must be included with the application.

Fellowship sponsor (Department/program): _____

Authorized Fiscal Authority: _____

Name of Mentor: _____

Email of Mentor: _____

Department of mentor if different from sponsoring department: _____

Submit application materials as a PDF file directed to the attention of: mugraddean@missouri.edu

DEADLINE: MAY 11, 2015. Anticipated notification date: June 3, 2015.