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CREATIVE RESEARCH COLLABORATIVE (CRC) FACULTY FELLOWSHIPS

The Office of Research Services (ORS) and the Comcast Media and Technology Center (CMTC) are pleased to announce a call for applications involving 4 to 6 faculty research fellowships that create cross-disciplinary research teams from across the University of Colorado Denver Downtown campus.

The CRC is committed to enhancing scholarly networks fostering unique, cutting edge, and broad-ranging research/creative activities that connect disciplines through collaborative research projects. A central priority of this fellowship is to amplify the accomplishments of CU Denver faculty research and creative activities, and increase awareness of emerging scholarship opportunities, both within the university and in the greater community. A key goal of CRC is to cultivate a strong faculty research and mentoring network on the Downtown Denver campus.

This academic year (2019-2020) the CRC and CMTC are co-sponsoring the fellowship.

ABOUT THE CREATIVE RESEARCH COLLABORATIVE (CRC)

Located in the Office of Research Services (ORS), the Creative Research Collaborative (CRC) is a campus-wide initiative to foster innovative and interdisciplinary research and creative activities that strengthen collaboration across academic units on the Downtown campus. It supports various forums to discuss, deliberate, and investigate new avenues of inquiry. CRC's goal is to cultivate among our researchers and creative practitioners a broader understanding and appreciation of how new forms of research, creative activity, and community engagement can support the university's mission of becoming "a leading public research university with a global reputation for excellence in learning, research and creativity, community engagement, and clinical care." Central to this goal is the exploration of questions involving what constitutes "research" within the arts, humanities, and social sciences, and how existing conventions can be transformed to enrich the campus academic environment. Such activities provide the foundation for strong interdisciplinary research on campus while simultaneously creating beneficial partnerships that actively engage our local, national, and global communities.

ABOUT THE COMCAST MEDIA AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER (CMTC)

The Comcast Media and Technology Center (CMTC) is a transdisciplinary center designed for innovation and learning. Located on the ground floor of the Tivoli Student Union, the Center fosters an environment where students and researchers generate, develop, and activate culturally-focused, action-oriented education, research, commercial enterprises and community services.

ABOUT THE FELLOWSHIP

The CRC interdisciplinary fellowship will support several cross-disciplinary faculty for the 2019 - 2020 academic year. Successful applicants will form a collaborative “team” for a 12-month fellowship (mid-July to mid-July) that draws from various disciplines across the campus. Fellows will receive \$4000.00 to \$6000.00 dollars in faculty development funding to work on proposals for research grants or creative endeavors such as exhibitions, texts, lab-based explorations, or similar. The fellowship supports the creation of cross-disciplinary teams that define a research project spanning two or more disciplines, and the potential to successfully submit several competitive applications to external funding agencies during the fellowship year. Funds can be used as summer salary, for travel, towards course buyouts, or other research needs. In addition, each fellow will give a talk about their research at a brown bag lecture series for faculty and students during the fellowship year. CRC fellows’ talks provide a venue to learn about research being undertaken in other disciplines as well as a platform to connect individuals from across the campus to impact/engage the greater academic community and foster a stronger research identity for the campus.

New this year: To assist the faculty fellows in the promotion and communication of their research, CMTC will provide support for a student fellow to embed within each CRC research cluster, supporting the creative communication of team data and outcomes. The purpose of the CMTC student fellows is to work alongside the CRC fellows to collaboratively develop strategies and methods that effectively communicate and promote their 2019-2020 research projects. Potential avenues of communication could be websites, blogs, videos, digital presentations, final reports, or similar. At the end of the fellowship, each CMTC student fellow will have developed and executed in collaboration with her/his research team, an engaging way to communicate the research being performed by their respective CRC partners. CMTC student fellows will be matched after CRC teams have been identified, with input from each team to better pair student fellows to projects.

ELIGIBILITY:

All full-time faculty with a research component in their contract, based on the CU Denver Downtown campus are eligible to apply. This includes: tenure-track; tenured; research or clinical-track rank. Faculty are encouraged either to applied individually or as a team (Individuals will be considered as potential “partners” for other individual or team applications). Teams must have representatives from at least two colleges or schools to be considered. An exception will be considered for departments from CLAS where the proposals and team members’ disciplines clearly bridge the humanities and the sciences.

THE APPLICATION:

Applicants should use the formatted Word submission document found at <http://www.ucdenver.edu/about/WhoWeAre/Chancellor/ViceChancellors/Research/OAVCRCA/Pages/Research%20Services.aspx> Each application must include:

1) A cover sheet that includes a description (maximum one-half page) clearly outlining the applicant team’s research agenda. (Please be specific about each separate team member’s research expertise as well as how this expertise will contribute to the team’s research project proposal).

2) A description indicating each individual’s potential contribution and research interest relating to either the team’s proposed research interests or creative activities agenda or in general to be considered as a potential “match”. In other words, a statement explaining the research/creative strengths each candidate potential brings to a research collaboration. (Maximum two pages).

3) Brief descriptions of several external interdisciplinary research or creative activity grants that the partnership has identified as potential avenues to target in the fellowship year, OR a proposal for an exhibition, text or similar. Descriptions should specify what interdisciplinary skill sets are necessary and include the following details:

(i) What specific outlets for the work accomplished in the project are likely (exhibits, journal articles, etc.).

(ii) What other support might arise upon successful completion of the project (matching funds, in-kind support, etc.).

4) A clear statement indicating how the fellowship would advance the applicant(s)' career and what the potential broader impact of the project might be for the campus community. (Maximum one-half page).

5) A short CV highlighting past interdisciplinary and collaborative research or creative activities (Maximum two pages).

6) Sign a pledge to report to the CRC a summary outlining the project's outcomes at the conclusion of the fellowship as well as providing updates on future developments related to initial funding (see form).

7) Agree to become an active member of the CRC campus-wide research mentoring network.

8) Brief statement from dean, department chair, or program director agreeing to support the application (please submit a separate statement for each team member).

The deadline for applications is Friday, June 21, 2019 (5 PM). The fellowship year will begin mid-summer of 2019. The application can be found on the ORS website at:

<http://www.ucdenver.edu/research/ors/Pages/default.aspx>

Please direct any specific questions about filling out the application to Carie Carroll: carie.carroll@ucdenver.edu. Please direct any questions about the application process or the fellowship in general to Michael Jenson: Michael.jenson@ucdenver.edu. All questions regarding the CMTC student fellowship can be directed to laurie.baefsky@ucdenver.edu.

Timeline

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| RFP announcement (released) | March 30, 2019 |
| Proposal due date | June 21, 2019 (5:00 p.m.) |
| Award notice | Early July, 2019 |
| Fellowship to begin | July 15, 2019 |
| Fellowship ends | July 15, 2020 |
| Report of activities and results (due) | September 02, 2020 |