

# Scholar's Call For Proposals

2009

National CASTL Institute



*The heart of our Institute is a process of mentoring work-in-progress, modeled on that developed by the Carnegie Foundation for their Scholars of Teaching and Learning residencies. No more than 28 proposals will be accepted, in order to maintain the intimate scale of mentoring cohorts.*

*All proposals must be received by March 23, 2009; we anticipate notification on or around April 16, 2009.*

We seek proposals that:

- Represent any discipline(s) or field(s);
- Come from individual scholars or from teams;
- Frame a specific question about the teaching and learning of importance to others;
- Show evidence of an emerging methodology and plan;
- Represent genuine work-in-progress that can benefit from mentoring (We are not able to accept completed or publishable works.)

We especially welcome proposals that:

- Include student collaborators.
  - Reflect the Institute theme of "Ethics of Inquiry," but this is not expected of all proposals.
- Please submit your best work-in-progress.

**Deadline Extended:  
March 23, 2009**

## Application Questions:

To apply to be a Scholar, please describe your SoTL work-in-progress in 750 to 1,250 words, by responding to the following questions:

1. What is the central question, issue, or problem you plan to explore in your proposed work?
2. Why is your central question, issue, or problem important to you and to others who might benefit from or build on your findings? Please note that the goal of the scholarship of teaching and learning is not simply to improve your own teaching, but also to contribute to the practice and profession of teaching more broadly.
3. How do you plan to conduct your investigation? What sources of evidence do you plan to examine? What methods will you employ to gather and make sense of this evidence?
4. How do you plan to make your work available to others in ways that facilitate scholarly critique and review, and that contribute to thought and practice beyond the local?
5. What aspects of the design and character of this work are you not yet fully prepared to describe? What questions do you have and what do you still need to know?

## How to Apply:

Completed applications must be emailed in Microsoft Word format (please do not send PDF files) by **March 23, 2009**, and should be directed to Lillian McEney (mceney@uhcl.edu), for blind review by faculty from the sponsoring institutions.

Please include as a separate document, your cover sheet with the following information:

- Your Name
- Title of Presentation
- Your Institution and Department
- All relevant contact information (including telephone and email)

Please use the title as the running header; remove all names from the proposal itself in order to more easily facilitate the blind review process.

Prospective Scholars will be notified of the status of their applications on or around April 16, 2009.

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