Grant available for Inter/Transdisciplinary Courses

Binghamton has long emphasized interdisciplinary initiatives and has witnessed some noteworthy successes, particularly in collaborative research efforts and related endeavors. We've taken fewer steps to cross disciplinary lines in the curriculum, although in many departments there are good examples of individual faculty members creating courses with strong interdisciplinary elements. This grant will allow faculty to push interdisciplinary curricular initiatives even further.

What we're looking for
This grant will support faculty in the creation of team-taught inter/transdisciplinary undergraduate courses. Two faculty members from different disciplines will collaborate to propose a new course that brings together each of their intellectual strengths and interests to address a particular problem or topic. The expectation is that each faculty member will be fully engaged throughout the creation and teaching of the course.

Submissions are encouraged from across the University, and preference will be given to proposals that take imaginative and creative approaches to the dissolution of traditional disciplinary boundaries. Faculty are particularly encouraged to consider crossing divisional or school/college boundaries when selecting a possible collaborator. Proposals on any topic of compelling interest are welcomed, including proposals that address issues related to the SUNY 2020 healthcare and clean energy initiatives.

Funding
Successful proposals will result in the following funding allocations:
• each faculty participant's department will receive $4000 (Total: $8000 for 2 departments)
• the faculty collaborators will receive a $1000 course creation grant and will receive a release from one course of the normal teaching obligation for the 2013-14 academic year so that they can teach this new course together

What to submit:
• Brief c.v. for each of the two faculty who will teach the course
• Full syllabus for the proposed course, including such things as proposed activities or assignments, reading list, etc. The more fully developed the course details are, the better the selection committee will be able to determine its suitability.
• Brief letter of support from each faculty member's department chair

Deadline for submission:
A full proposal must be received electronically by January 25, 2013. Send proposals to Allie Dugan in the Provost's office: pdugan@binghamton.edu

Selection process:
A faculty committee will evaluate the proposals and make recommendations to the Provost.

Questions can be directed to Donald Loewen, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education