Partnerhips Grants for Research Development

Program Overview

Outreach and International Affairs invites faculty members and researchers to submit proposals for small incentive grants to support innovative research and engagement projects at the Catawba Sustainability Center (CSC).

Proposed projects should focus on sustainable land use for agricultural, recreational and research purposes. Examples include drone use, organic crop production, fencing design, native medicinal plant production, no or minimal till land preparation, wetland design, seed saving, rotational grazing, irrigation, walking path design and surfacing, interpretive signage, composting, and mapping techniques. Proposals should advance the center’s goal of increasing partnerships with colleges and other university units by establishing programs focused on education and community engagement.

Funding

Up to $5,000 may be requested. Proposals should include departmental funding, which may include “in-kind” contributions. Proposals will be reviewed and success determined by a Catawba stakeholder committee.

Proposals are due March 13, 2017. Awards will then be transferred to a departmental fund.

Proposal Components

Proposals should consist of a brief narrative, departmental approval, and project budget.

Narrative: 1-2 pages including the following information:

- Description of project objectives as they relate to the CSC and the department/college
- List of participating faculty and departments
- Description of planned activities, timeline, and anticipated impacts for the CSC and grantee
- Proposed dissemination of findings

Budget: Attach a separate page with an itemized budget that including sources of matching funds and signatures of authorizing faculty.

Preference will be given to proposals that include a community and student engagement component

Proposal Deadline

Proposals should be electronically submitted to Adam Taylor at adamht@vt.edu by March 13, 2017.

Reporting Requirements

A brief final report is requested at the completion of the project. It should include the following information:

- Summary of project activities, participating faculty and implementation timeframe
- Evaluation of outcomes and impact and research dissemination
- Narrative describing next steps and future plans

Questions about the Partnership Grants for Research Development can be directed to Adam Taylor at adamht@vt.edu, or (540) 588-0283