President’s Interdisciplinary Faculty Hiring Initiative

Call for Proposals

President Jere W. Morehead and Interim Provost Libby V. Morris are pleased to announce the 2014 Presidential Hiring Initiative focused on interdisciplinary collaborations. This initiative will create 10 to 12 new tenured or tenure-track positions for the purpose of enhancing the University’s ability to engage in research, teaching, and service in emerging topics and issues of state, national, or international importance that transcend disciplinary boundaries.

General Information

All colleges and schools are eligible to submit applications.

Interdisciplinary collaboration may occur across departments/programs within a college, or it may occur across colleges, schools, institutes, or centers. While there is no limit to the number of applications a school or college can submit, each application must have the full support of the respective deans where tenure and promotion will reside.

Interdisciplinary areas may request one or more faculty positions. Separate applications should be submitted for each position. No application should focus on a particular candidate nor should it include names of likely candidates. Proposals must be for tenured or tenure-track appointments at any rank. All proposed positions must be full-time on an academic year appointment.

At least 15% of the proposed salary must be provided by each participating college/school/department, with the remainder coming from central administration. Therefore, the minimum split will be 30% from two participating colleges/schools/institutes/centers/departments and 70% from the central administration. Applications also may request start-up packages, which will be funded centrally. Start-up funding is limited, however, and contributions from OVPR or the respective units will be a factor in the decision whether to authorize funding for the position. Start-up funding is available only in FY 2015 and FY 2016. Colleges/schools/institutes/centers must commit space, moving expenses, and other start-up expenses not covered in the start-up package. These positions must conform to the standard faculty load of 4 courses in the academic year (2-2, .375 EFT in instruction).

Application Requirements (please use the interdisciplinary hiring initiative application that can be found at http://provost.uga.edu/index.php/fiscal-affairs/)

1. **Rationale.** Provide rationale for hiring in a selected interdisciplinary area. Include information on the overall importance of the interdisciplinary area and its relevance to the University of Georgia’s strengths and current activities. Describe the projected impact of the proposed hire on instruction, research, and/or outreach in this interdisciplinary area.
2. **Position description.** Provide a brief description of the primary responsibilities associated with this interdisciplinary position, and of how this position may affect undergraduate/graduate education and research in the collaborating units. Describe any external opportunities in research or service that might be tapped because of a faculty position in this interdisciplinary area.

3. **Key collaborators.** List the name, rank, department, and area of expertise of key collaborators working in the proposed interdisciplinary area.

4. **Budget.** Complete a budget with a request for salary noting the 70/15/15 split. Modest start-up funds may be requested as well. Please include pertinent information on how start-up would be funded if greater than what is requested or awarded, and how ongoing costs for necessary support of successful research programs will be provided.

5. **Signatures.** All proposals must be approved by participating deans and others if appropriate. If a vice president commits funds, he or she must indicate approval by signature as well.

The applications are due to the Office of the Provost, 203 Administration Building, by **September 24, 2013**. A committee will review the proposals and announcement of areas that will receive positions will be made in early October.