

## ***CURS SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM***

**Program Description:** The Center for Urban & Regional Studies' (CURS) Scholar-in-Residence Program is designed to encourage faculty members in the College of Arts & Sciences to develop and submit research proposals to external funding sources. This competitive program provides a course buy-out so that faculty members in the social and behavioral sciences can develop large, ideally interdisciplinary, research proposals. In addition to providing \$20,000 for a course buy-out (plus benefits), the CURS Scholar-in-Residence Program provides \$1,000 for graduate student assistance or other proposal development costs such as travel or editing services. While we realize that the course buy-out amount is modest, the potential return to both the home department and to the faculty member submitting a well-conceived interdisciplinary proposal could be great. Beyond developing a proposal, each CURS Scholar-in-Residence will be expected to attend CURS' Brown Bag Seminars during the semester, to present his or her proposed and/or ongoing research at one of the seminars during the semester, and to serve on the selection committee for the next Scholar-in-Residence.

**Eligibility:** This program is made possible by generous support from the Dean's Office, College of Arts and Sciences. As such, eligibility is limited to faculty members within the College. ***Additionally, the program is not open to faculty members with endowed or chaired professorships.*** Applicants must have the approval of their home department in order to apply and in a given academic year, no two scholars can be from the same department. Erica Wise from the Geography Department is the spring 2012 Scholar-in-Residence. As a result, faculty members from that department are ineligible for the fall 2012/spring 2013 program. Applicants must have the approval of their home department in order to apply. A faculty member who has successfully been awarded the CURS Scholar-in-Residence must wait at least five years before applying again.

**Selection:** Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee composed of CURS Faculty Fellows and College of Arts and Sciences' faculty and staff. This committee will make its selection based on the following criteria:

- the quality of the research idea;
- the applicant's preparation to conduct the proposed research, including the identification of potential funders;
- the history of applying for and conducting funded research (relative to the applicant's tenure in his or her field); and
- the amount of the anticipated request from extramural sources and likelihood of success.

CURS has the funds to support one Scholar-in-Residence each academic year.

**The deadline for applications for the fall semester 2012 or spring semester 2013 is 5:00 p.m., Monday, February 13, 2012.**

**Application:** Applications are available on the CURS website (<http://curs.unc.edu/>) or by contacting Christy Sandy at 962-3076. Interested faculty members must complete a short application that provides:

1. The nature of the research project the applicant plans to develop;
2. The applicant's unique qualifications for conducting the research;
3. Other members of the project team (if known);
4. The targeted funding agency(ies) (if known);
5. The anticipated amount of the request to an external funder; and
6. The agreement by the department chair to release the applicant from a course if chosen for residency.

