

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

**Program Description:** The Center for Urban and Regional Studies' (CURS) Scholar-in-Residence Program is designed to encourage faculty members in the College of Arts and 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. Nina Martin from the Geography Department is the Fall 2013 Scholar-in-Residence. As a result, faculty members from that department are ineligible for the fall 2014/spring 2015 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 2014 or spring semester 2015 is 5:00 p.m., Monday, February 3, 2014.**

**Application:** Applications are available on the CURS website (<http://curs.unc.edu/>) or by contacting Todd Owen 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 successful.