

## ***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 up to \$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 by the end of the semester, 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 a Brown Bag Seminar, 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 of the 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 faculty from the same department cannot be selected in consecutive years. Carmen Gutierrez from the Department of Public Policy is the Spring 2020 Scholar-in-Residence. As a result, faculty members from Public Policy are ineligible for the Fall 2020/Spring 2021 program. 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),
- the likelihood of success, and
- the amount of the anticipated request from extramural sources.

CURS has the funds to support one Scholar-in-Residence each academic year. **The deadline for applications for the fall semester 2020 or spring semester 2021 is 5:00 p.m., Friday, February 28, 2020.**

**Application:** Applications are available on the CURS website (<http://curs.unc.edu/programs/scholar-in-residence-program/>) or by contacting Todd Owen at [towen@email.unc.edu](mailto:towen@email.unc.edu) or 919-962-3076. 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.