

Funding Opportunity: Southeastern Conference Visiting Faculty Travel Grant Program

- **Sponsor:** Southeastern Conference Academic Consortium
- **Internal Deadline: May 26, 2017**
- **Eligibility:** Faculty

The Southeastern Conference (SEC) Visiting Faculty Travel Grant Program is intended to enhance faculty collaboration that stimulates scholarly initiatives between SEC universities. This initiative gives faculty from one SEC university the opportunity to travel to another SEC campus to: exchange ideas; develop grant proposals; conduct research; consult with faculty and/or students; offer lectures or symposia; or engage in whatever activities are agreeable to the visitor and host unit.

The University of Florida can select faculty members to receive 2017-2018 grants up to \$2,500 each. Travel grant funds **may not be** used for non-travel-related expenses (e.g., books, supplies, computer software, honoraria, food for other than traveler, etc.), and it is not permissible to use funds for support/research staff.

Any use of the funds should be directly for the faculty member with the intent of lessening the financial burden of personal accommodations in travel (e.g., travel, lodging, per diem, etc.). Travel dates for these visits must be between **August 1, 2017 and July 16, 2018**.

The faculty member will contact a host unit that he or she wishes to visit to determine that unit's receptivity and availability. The selected faculty members will be responsible for arranging coverage of their duties during their absence. This requires Department Chair approval. After the visit, the faculty member will submit a brief report, the outcomes of the visit. This report is sent to his or her Department Chair and then forwarded to the Provost's Office.

To be considered please submit the following electronically (in one PDF file) by May 26, 2017, to mccrayi@ufl.edu

Faculty member information:

1. Name
2. Title
3. College/Unit
4. Department
5. Email
6. Campus Address
7. Phone
8. Biography (no more than 250 words)
9. Budget Sheet - must conform to UF travel guidelines:

http://www.che.ufl.edu/PDF/Travel/Travel_Guide.pdf

- Host institution information including contact person at host institution
- Letter of invitation from the host unit (usually the relevant department chair) specifying the dates and the specific expectations of the faculty member
- Visit dates
- Anticipated activities while on visit
- Statement of the relevant benefits of visit for UF and host institution
- Brief letter of support from UF Department Chair which confirms the arrangement of duty coverage, and explains why the proposal would be of benefit to the department.

Southeastern Conference Member Universities:

University of Alabama – Tuscaloosa, Alabama

University of Arkansas – Fayetteville, Arkansas

Auburn University – Auburn, Alabama

University of Florida – Gainesville, Florida

University of Georgia – Athens, Georgia

University of Kentucky – Lexington, Kentucky

Louisiana State University – Baton Rouge, Louisiana

University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) – Oxford, Mississippi

Mississippi State University – Starkville, Mississippi

University of Missouri – Columbia, Missouri

University of South Carolina – Columbia, South Carolina

University of Tennessee – Knoxville, Tennessee

Texas A&M University – College Station, Texas

Vanderbilt University – Nashville, Tennessee