

ABSTRACT: (Provide **one** paragraph describing your proposed FEO project in a way that can be understood by colleagues outside your discipline, alumni, and educated members of the general public.)

The purpose of the FEO will be to provide funding to attend the Intensive Bioethics course at the Kennedy Institute of Ethics, Georgetown University. This one week course will provide greater knowledge of ethics and bioethics and the theories and philosophies they are based in. The knowledge of ethics and professionalism is essential in the current practice of medicine. The teaching of ethics and professionalism is a required component the accreditation of physician assistant programs.

The course involves lectures and small group discussions. Topics are timely to today's issues: medical futility, animal ethics, research ethics, palliative care, and institutional ethics, among other topics. Lecturers and small group discussion leaders are nationally and internationally recognized experts in ethics, including: Tom Beauchamp, co-author of the well-known bioethics text Principles of Biomedical Ethics and a major author of the Belmont Report for the protection of humans in research projects; Robert Veatch, consultant to the President's Commission for the Study of Ethical Problems in Medicine and Biomedical Research from 1981-1982 and well known expert on the ethics of death and dying and organ transplantation; and Edmund Pellegrino, Chair of the President's Council on Bioethics from 2005-2008 and founding editor of the *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*.

Other bioethics courses exist and would possibly meet my goals of attending. The Intensive Bioethics course at the Kennedy Institute of Ethics is unique in that the small group discussions encourage the interaction and discussion of views with others. Eight hours of the 27-hour course consists of small group discussions; another six hours consists of open forum discussions in a larger non-lecture format. The free exchange of ideas and values is the essential to the understanding of ethics.

Please submit a 2-4 page *curriculum vitae* / resume with your application. (Please do not submit a longer CV. Failure to include a CV or inclusion of a CV longer than 4 pages may disqualify you.)

GOALS FOR FEO:

(List 3 to 5 succinct goals)

- To further develop my understanding of the philosophies and theories of bioethics and how they affect my personal beliefs and views.
- Develop research strategies and identify sources for research projects on bioethics which will allow me to publish in this area.
- Network with and establish professional relationships with others who share my interest in bioethics, with the possibility of working together in research projects.

FEO PLAN/ACTIVITIES/SCHEDULES:

(Describe in the space allotted on pp. 3-4 of this form; plan cannot exceed one calendar year for out of unit faculty; or 15 weeks for in-unit faculty.)

6/2/2013	Depart Jacksonville International Airport Arrive Washington National Airport later same day and check into hotel
6/3/2013	8am-11:00am Participate in Library Proseminar 1:00-5:00pm Attend lectures and participate in small group discussions 5:00pm Welcome reception
6/4/2013	9:00am-11:45am Attend lectures 1:30pm-4:15pm Participate in small group discussion activities
6/5/2013	9:00am-11:45am Attend lecture and participate in small group discussions 1:00pm-5:45pm Attend special topic presentations and participate in discussions
6/6/2013	9:00am-11:45am Attend lecture and participate in small group discussions 1:30pm-4:15pm Attend lecture and participate in small group discussions 7:00pm-9:00pm Attend special topic presentation and participate in discussion
6/7/2013	9:00am-11:45am Attend lecture and participate in small group discussions 1:30pm-4:30pm Attend lecture and participate in small group discussions 5:00pm Closing dinner
6/8/2013	Depart Washington National Airport Arrive Jacksonville International Airport later same day

OUTCOMES OF FEO: (Remember that you will be asked to submit a report of your accomplishments at the conclusion of the FEO. Please prepare this section with that report in mind.)

A. List specific outcomes of this FEO related to your own professional growth and development.

Professionalism and ethics are central to a person's medical career. Many of the principles in ethics and professionalism translate into everyday life, personal philosophy, and outlook. My interest in ethics started several years ago during my doctoral work and has continued. Although my education in ethics was limited to a small number of courses, I found the topics interesting and challenging and has led me to appreciate other's beliefs and values and the diversity of opinions.

Specific outcomes is to:

- Gain greater understanding of bioethical theories and their philosophical basis.
- Develop a personal approach to examine ethical problems.
- Explore and appreciate the different views and opinions of others through small group discussions of ethical topics.
- Identify topics of interest in the field of bioethics for future scholarly activities, including writing and teaching.

B. List specific benefits of this FEO to your department, college and/or the university overall.

Attendance at this course will benefit the University and College by:

- Assist me in gaining a greater understanding of ethics and the underlying principles, which will permit me to expand my teaching. Currently other faculty members from the College teach ethics to physician assistant students.
- Attendance by national and international participants will foster professional bonds with others interested in the field of bioethics, possibly leading to cooperative projects.
- The Interprofessional Education course planned for this year has small group discussions on topics in ethics, one of which I have been asked to facilitate. By attending this course, I will be better prepared to assist in the teaching of this portion of the Interprofessional Education course.