

Tri-College University 2009-2010 Collaborative Grant Program

Tri-College University Background:

Tri-College University is collaboration between Concordia College, Minnesota State University Moorhead and North Dakota State University. Collectively, these institutions have more than 27,000 full and part-time students and approximately 4,000 faculty, staff and other employees. TCU serves the students, faculty, staff and the community by combining resources in innovative ways. The three campuses in the Tri-College collaboration have a combined local economic impact of more than \$1.25 billion annually.

Tri-College University Mission: The mission of Tri-College University is to assist Concordia College, Minnesota State University Moorhead, and North Dakota State University by promoting cooperative efforts that will enrich the academic environment for the benefit of students, faculty, and the community.

Tri-College University Objectives:

- To assist in the establishment and the maintenance of coordinated programs among and between Concordia College, Minnesota State University Moorhead, and North Dakota State University (or their successors), together with affiliated institutions and supporting agencies and organizations, as a means of maximizing higher educational services for the people of the region.
- To serve as an agency through which existing and potential educational programs and courses of instruction at the above enumerated institutions can be promoted and strengthened.
- To promote Fargo-Moorhead as a regional center of higher education.
- To serve as an agency through which voluntary and governmental resources, financial and otherwise, may be received and dispensed to supplement the educational endeavors by Concordia College, Minnesota State University Moorhead, and North Dakota State University (or their successors), and affiliated and supporting agencies and institutions.

Purpose of the Collaborative Grant Program:

The purpose of this Tri-College program is **to provide start up or one time funding for collaborative programs** for faculty, staff and students at Concordia College, Minnesota State University Moorhead and North Dakota State University. Through the sharing of resources, a greater number of people can be positively impacted and efficiencies obtained. **This TCU program is intended to develop collaborative relationships between people in our campus community who share a common interest and vision.**

Process:

Interested faculty, staff and students at each campus may submit a grant application. The application shall detail the project, the need the project fills, the level of collaboration and participation between campuses, expected outcomes, and the level of funding being requested. Grants awarded will range from \$250 - \$1,000. The quantity and monetary level of awards are subject to the availability of funds at Tri-College University.

Important information for those who wish to apply:

Matching funds are not required for eligibility. Grants requesting funds for research projects are generally not successful as they have numerous other funding options. Funds requested with the major purpose of providing food/beverage for an event are not encouraged.

Measurement and/reporting of outcomes:

Each grant recipient will be required to provide Tri-College a post-program report defining the outcomes of their projects.

Recognition:

Tri-College will lead or assist with press releases and efforts to promote the event or activity as deemed appropriate. Reports may be published by Tri-College and presented to interested parties.

Application

Tri-College University 2009-2010 Collaborate Grant Program (Please type)

Application deadline is Wednesday, December 30, 2009
Preference will be given to projects/activities held between February 15 – November 1, 2010

Project name _____

Project date _____

Which campuses will be actively involved? Note, at least two TCU campus partners must be involved to be eligible.

_____ Concordia College _____ MSUM _____ NDSU

Project Director/primary contact person - person will serve as the project's fiscal agent and work with key collaborators from the other campuses.

Print name

Department or organization (if applicable) _____

Institution _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

e-mail address _____ phone _____

fax _____

Name of key collaborator _____

Department or organization (if applicable) _____

Institution _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

e-mail address _____ phone _____

Name of key collaborator (if applicable) _____

Department or organization (if applicable) _____

Institution _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

e-mail address _____ phone _____

Name of person completing application (print) _____

signature

date

Please use an attached sheet of paper to answer the following questions (please type).

- 1) Name of project (20 words maximum)
- 2) Description of project (75 words maximum)
- 3) Project duration
 - a) Start date: month and year _____
 - b) Anticipated completion date: month and year _____
 - c) Date of event if applicable _____
- 4) Population served (example: students with an interest in history).
- 5) What need does this program fill either on campus or in our community?
- 6) Goals and mission of the project/program?
- 7) How will you measure outcomes and what outcomes will you measure/evaluate?
- 8) How will the campuses collaborate on the project?
- 9)
 - a) Amount requested from TCU \$ _____
 - b) Total projected budget \$ _____
 - c) How will the TCU grant money be spent? An itemized budget as an attachment is preferred but not required. Note: this grant from TCU is considered a one time funding source.
- 10) (a) Has the project been conducted in the past three years by you or another local group/organization? Note: we prefer new initiatives but will accept those proposing substantial improvements to projects that had not been successful in the past.
 Yes No
- b) If yes, when was it conducted and by whom?
- c) Was the project a success?
 Yes No

d) If the project was not determine to be a success what changes have been made to the proposed project to help insure its success?

11) Please list any groups or organizations outside the campus community that will be involved with the project/activity.

12) If the project/activity aligns with the mission and objectives of Tri-College (shown below) please briefly explain the similarities.

15) Please briefly explain if and how the project addresses any of the following (limit of 75 words).

- Meets a new or growing need and focuses on solving the issue identified.
- Promotes collaboration without duplicating services.
- Positively affects the campus community or the community at large.
- Leverages support from other sources.



Grants are intended for start up or one time programs/projects. Any additional pages, descriptions or information exceeding the specified page or word limit, or supportive materials that are not specifically requested may not be reviewed or considered. This includes CDs or DVDs.

We reserve the right to accept or deny any or all grants. Grant requests should be for no less than \$250 and no more than \$1,000. Event sponsors are required to provide a written summary of the event within 60 days of the program or event completion. Summary questions are listed below.

Expenditures and activities must comply with all regulations of the campuses involved. Tri-College reserves the right to seek clarification or additional information.

Grant application deadline:

Deadline for applications is Wednesday, December 30, 2009

Please mail applications to:

Provost Tim Flakoll
Collaborative Grant Program
Tri-College University
Suite 110
650 NP Avenue
Fargo, ND 58102.

Information contact: Tim.Flakoll@ndsu.edu or via phone at 701-231-8170.



Tri-College University collaborative grant summary for projects that have been completed.

Please provide answers to the following to the best of your ability. Not all questions may apply to your project.

1) Title of Project:

2) Date or period of time when event, project or program was held.

3) Estimated number of participating or attending

_____.

4) How do you feel participants, attendees or others benefitted from the event/activity (2-5 paragraphs are adequate)?

5) Any other positive outcomes (example: it led us to other specific collaborative activities or projects).

6) Please share any feedback (survey results, written comments etc.) you may have had from the event.

- If you have a photo(s) from the event we would appreciate if you would send them to us so that we can include it in our annual report or promotional pieces.
- If there were any print articles or published papers that came as a result of the event/activity we ask that you please forward a copy to our office.

Questions: contact Tim Flakoll, Provost, Tri-College University

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701-219-9487

