

Tri-College University 2008-2009 Collaborative grant program.

Tri-College University Background:

Tri-College University is a collaboration between Concordia College, Minnesota State University Moorhead and North Dakota State University. Collectively they 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 \$1.2 billion annually.

Project Purpose:

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 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 that share a common interest and vision.**

Process:

Interested faculty, staff and students at each campus shall submit a grant application: detailing their project, need that it fills, level of collaboration and participation between campuses, expected outcomes, and level of funding that they are seeking. Grants awarded will range from \$250 - \$1,000. Availability and level of awards are subject to the availability of funds at Tri-College University. Matching funds are not required for eligibility.

Measurement and/reporting of outcomes:

Each grant recipient will be required to provide Tri-College a report explaining 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.

Tri-College University
2008-2009
Collaborate Grant Program Application
Please type

Date of application _____ (Deadline is Friday, October 31, 2008)

Project name _____

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

_____ Concordia College _____ MSUM _____ NDSU

Primary contact person (Project Director who will serve as the project's fiscal agent and work with key collaborators from other campuses that are listed below).

Department or organization (if applicable) _____

Institution _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip code _____

Fax _____

e-mail address _____ phone _____

Contact name of key collaborator _____

Department or organization (if applicable) _____

Institution _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

e-mail address _____ phone _____

Contact name of key collaborator (if applicable) _____

Department or organization (if applicable) _____

Institution _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

e-mail address _____ phone _____

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
 Start date - Month _____ Year _____
 Anticipated completion date – Month _____ Year _____
 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) Amount requested from TCU \$ _____
 Total projected budget \$ _____
 How will the TCU grant money be spent? An itemized budget as an attachment is preferred but not required. Note that this grant from TCU is considered a one time funding source.
- 10) Has the project been conducted in the past three years by you or another local group/organization?
 ___ Yes ___ No
 If yes, then when was it conducted and by whom?
- 11) Was the project a success?
 ___ Yes ___ No
 If no, what changes have been made to the proposed project to help insure its success? Note we prefer new initiatives but will accept those proposing substantial improvements to projects that had not been successful in the past.

- 12) Please list any groups or organizations outside the campus community that will be involved.
- 13) 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 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.
 - Is able to positively affect campus community or the community at large.
 - Leverages support from other sources.

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.

Objectives of Tri-College University:

- 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.

Name of person completing application _____

Title (if applicable) _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____

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 including benefits within 60 days of the completion of the program or event.

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 – Friday, October 31, 2008

Please mail applications to: Tri-College University Collaborative Grant Program, c/o Provost Tim Flakoll, Tri-College University, PO Box 5630, Fargo, ND 58105.

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

