

Proposals are due by 5:00 p.m. Monday, February 13, 2012 and must be submitted electronically to Rena Rager, McMaster School Secretary at rrager@defiance.edu.

The McMaster School for Advancing Humanity was founded to serve as a focal point for teaching, service, scholarship and action to improve the human condition worldwide. The mission of the McMaster School is

- to educate students for responsible citizenship;
- to produce committed global citizens and leaders who understand the importance of individual liberties in improving the human condition worldwide; and
- To encourage graduates to take an active role in addressing these issues in whatever professions they may choose.

The School serves as a catalyst for innovative, interdisciplinary, community-based work by creating and supporting opportunities for teams of faculty, students, and staff to use their academic and professional skills to address a community need. The McMaster Fellows Program supports course releases or other reassigned course time, research and travel support, and a \$2,000 stipend.

The McMaster Fellows is a signature program of the McMaster School. Each year faculty fellows are chosen based upon a competitive proposal selection process. Successful proposals are those that integrate a faculty member's scholarly and/or professional agenda and his/her teaching expertise to meet a community defined need or objective. ***Demonstrated community participation in defining the scope of the proposed project is required.*** Successful projects clearly address the goals of the McMaster School, which are

1. To critically examine the root causes of human suffering through community-based research that addresses systemic factors that impede human progress;
2. To give students the knowledge and capacities to be active world citizens and to view themselves as members of the world community;
3. To contribute actively through sponsored scholarship and service to the improvement of the human condition worldwide;
4. To exchange, create, and disseminate knowledge about successful models of active citizenship and public service; and
5. To create at Defiance College one of the nation's premier undergraduate educational programs with a focus on scholarship and service, with a special emphasis on developing an innovative approach to teaching.

Expectations of Fellows

All Fellows are expected

1. To attend a summer seminar that includes topics on principles and best practices of leading learning communities, conducting community-based research, directing undergraduate research, managing a budget, and traveling with students abroad.
2. To organize and lead a productive learning community of scholars during both Fall and Spring Semesters.
3. To complete their proposed work as they supervise the McMaster Scholars' work.
4. To present the findings of their work at a public forum at Defiance College and, where possible, at regional, national, and international professional meetings.
5. To actively recruit students to apply to be McMaster Scholars in his/her learning community.

Proposal Form

Send completed proposal to Rena Rager, McMaster School Secretary at rrager@defiance.edu *no later than 5:00 p.m. Monday, February 13, 2012.*

I. *Project Overview – Please provide the following information. Include references to the McMaster School goals where applicable throughout each of the following sections.*

1. Introduction to proposed project
2. Community benefit of the proposed project
3. Benefit to applicant
4. Comment on your ability to complete the project

II. *Please address how you plan to lead an effective and successful learning community and explain your past experience traveling with students.*

III. *Project Design – Please use the headings below to provide a clear understanding of the proposed research.*

- Description of project, including purpose, goals and objectives
- Literature Review
- Methodology
- Anticipated Outcomes
- Mechanisms for providing results back to community partner
- Budget for materials necessary to complete your research project