



## CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY & ADMINISTRATION PUBLIC POLICY GRANTS WORKSHOP 2009-2010

The Center for Public Policy & Administration (CPPA) is pleased to announce that it is accepting applications for the Public Policy Grants Workshop for 2009-2010. Six faculty members will be selected as Public Policy Grants Workshop Fellows. Faculty members of any rank (at least three will be pre-tenure faculty) proposing research with policy implications are invited to apply for the program, which will provide practical and technical support for faculty working on grant proposals with policy implications. The grants workshop will assist faculty in relating their proposed research to policy goals and outcomes.

Public Policy Grants Workshop Fellows will participate in a year-long interdisciplinary seminar led by Joya Misra (Sociology & CPPA professor) and Susan Newton (CPPA Associate Director for Research). Participating in biweekly seminars, fellows will receive practical help with budgeting and other technical aspects of the proposal, while also providing group mentoring of one another's proposals through a collaborative process. Fellows will also discuss how to identify viable public and private funding sources, communicate with program officers, learn effective writing strategies, understand the grant review process, and develop budgets. Each Fellow will also select a non-university mentor/collaborator to visit campus, work with the Fellow on her/his grant proposal, and give a public talk that relates to the Fellow's research and/or issues of grantsmanship. Funding through the Mellon Mutual Mentoring Initiative will provide \$1,500 to fund each visiting mentor. The goals of the program are to (1) *provide important intellectual and practical support for faculty working on grants*, (2) *create a structure and foster an environment that encourages grant proposal submissions*, (3) *promote a vibrant intellectual community among faculty*, and (4) *develop an interdisciplinary community of faculty whose work connects with local, national and global policy concerns*.

Application Process: Faculty from all ranks and departments are eligible to apply (proposals should include social science and/or policy components). Completed applications are due by **Friday, May 29, 2009** to Joya Misra, Social and Demographic Research Institute, Machmer Hall W34a, or via email at [misra@soc.umass.edu](mailto:misra@soc.umass.edu). Award decisions will be made by **June 19, 2009**. Proposals will be rated on their contribution to career development, intellectual merit, relevance to issues related to public policy, and contribution to intellectual, methodological, and demographic diversity. Faculty whose departments are willing to allow them a one-course teaching reduction during the fellowship year will receive particular consideration. Priority will also be given to faculty with affiliations to CPPA or CSBS, although the program is open to ALL UMass-Amherst faculty.

Your application should include:

- A current c.v.
- A two-page summary of the grant proposal you plan to submit during 2010, which identifies the project's research question, its intellectual merit, theoretical contributions, interdisciplinary elements (if relevant), policy implications, and anticipated methodological approach. Identify whether the proposal will be a collaborative proposal (and whether any UMass collaborators plan to jointly apply to the program), any potential sponsors you have in mind for the proposal, and any previous internally or externally sponsored research support you have received.
- A letter from the chair/head of your department, noting her/his support for your application, and whether s/he will provide you with a one-course reduction for academic year 2009-10 or any other supports (for example, reduced service load) if you are accepted into the Public Policy Grants Workshop.

If you have questions about the program and/or whether your research fits within its parameters, please contact Joya Misra ([misra@soc.umass.edu](mailto:misra@soc.umass.edu)) or Susan Newton ([snewton@pubpol.umass.edu](mailto:snewton@pubpol.umass.edu)). Proposals should be submitted during the 2010 calendar year.