

2005 B. O. SMITH RESEARCH PROFESSORSHIPS

Background

The College of Education at the University of Florida is seeking candidates for B. O. Smith Research Professorships. Dr. Smith, a former faculty member in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction (now the School of Teaching and Learning), endowed a fund to support B. O. Smith Professors, whose research was to focus on pedagogical issues broadly defined. To date, there has been a single B. O. Smith Professor; now there are adequate funds to support two recipients. Depending on the availability of funds, a third recipient may be added in the 2005-2006 academic year.

Purpose

The purpose of the B. O. Smith Professorship is to support College of Education faculty preparing to seek promotion to the rank of Professor.

Eligible Applicants

Associate Professors in the College of Education are eligible to apply.

Awards, Durations, and Restrictions

The term of B. O. Smith Professorships is up to three years. Annually, the award includes a \$5,000 salary stipend, a quarter-time Research Assistant (for two semesters), and \$3,000 in research support funds. Stipends may be used for academic year release time or summer salary only.

Selection Criteria

Selection criteria include:

- Established record of related research and publication.
- Quality of the research plan. Given the nature of the endowment, research must explain, describe, or predict a pedagogical phenomenon and must contribute *new* educational knowledge. Judgments of quality will be based upon:
 - Scientific merit of the proposed research
 - Appropriateness and soundness of methodology
 - Feasibility of the research plan
 - Adequacy of budget
 - Applicant's qualifications to conduct the planned research
- Willingness to present findings in annual faculty forums.

Review Process

The Research Advisory Committee and Associate Dean for Research shall review applications and make recommendations to the Dean, who shall select award recipients.

Reporting Requirements

B. O. Smith Professors must submit an annual report of accomplishments. The report shall be submitted to the Associate Dean for Research, who will evaluate recipients' progress and determine their eligibility for continued funding. B. O. Smith Professors also shall participate in an annual symposium at which they will report findings.

Timelines

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| Announcement released | February 15 |
| Proposal Deadline | March 15 |
| Deadline for RAC Review | April 1 |
| Announcements | April 18 |
| Professorships begin | May 9 |

Proposal Content and Format

Following the cover page (Attachment A), the narrative of the project should be presented in no more than 4 single-spaced, typewritten pages (excluding references and the budget narrative). No other materials or appendices should be included (except a curriculum vitae). Completed proposals must be submitted to Paul Sindelar [G-315 NRN, pts@coe.ufl.edu, 98-255] by March 15th.

- 1. Abstract:** The abstract is limited to 250 words and should summarize the research plan.
- 2. Objectives and Significance:** Applicants should present a rationale for their project, summarize relevant literature, and list research questions and objectives. This information should be presented in sufficient detail so that the scholarly and/or scientific merit of the project may be judged.
- 3. Plan:** The implementation plan should include:
 - (a) General descriptions of the methods and procedures for carrying out the proposed research. Applicants should discuss the logic of the research designs, data collection methods, analysis, write-up, and dissemination of the results.
 - (b) Timelines for the project. When appropriate, applicants should describe the full sequence of studies and explain how subsequent year studies build upon earlier studies.
 - (c) Anticipated products. Applicants should enumerate the publications, papers, proposals, books, and/or other products they expect to complete as B. O. Smith Professors.
- 4. Professional Development:** Applicants should explain how achieving project objectives and completing anticipated products will help them progress toward promotion. More generally, they should explain how B. O. Smith Professorship support will help them reach their long-term professional goals and to develop as scholars.
- 5. Qualifications:** The applicant's qualifications to conduct the proposed studies should be described, and a curriculum vitae should be submitted.
- 6. Budget Narrative:** Applicants should describe how they plan to use the B. O. Smith Professorship resources—including (a) release time or summer support, (b) the quarter-time RA for 2 semesters, and (c) \$3,000 expense—to achieve the goals of their project. A separate description for each year of the award must be included.

Attachment A

College of Education
B. O. Smith Research Professorship
Cover Sheet

Principal Investigator: _____

Co-Principal Investigator: _____

P.I. UF ID Number: _____

P.I. Campus Address: _____

Telephone (work): _____

Project Title: _____

Applicant (date)

Department Chair (date)