

# 2010 Call for Research Proposals

## CPTSC Research Grant Committee

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The Council for Programs in Technical and Scientific Communication (CPTSC) invites interested members to apply for research grants up to \$1,500. Proposed research projects should relate to one or more of the following goals:

- To promote programs in technical and scientific communication,
- To promote research pertaining to programmatic issues in technical and scientific communication,
- To develop opportunities for the exchange of ideas and information concerning programs, research, and career opportunities.

CPTSC funds research projects that contribute to our collective knowledge about all aspects of program administration.

In 2010, CPTSC especially encourages **problem-based research**. Challenges related to recruitment of students and faculty, funding during economic crises, and small, service-oriented programs are perennial concerns that may lead to good problem-based research questions.

CPTSC will also consider other research projects. Successful research projects in the past have compared programs via surveys, conducted textual analyses to inform program marketing, and studied the state of the professoriate. **Funds may be used for expenses, materials, salary, and/or travel.** Travel to the CPTSC conference is a permissible expense. CPTSC encourages faculty-student collaborations on projects. We also encourage multiple sources of funding for projects requiring more than \$1,500.

To apply for a CPTSC research grant, interested CPTSC members should submit a **2-3 page proposal** that contains the following information:

- 1) Project title on all pages
- 2) Name, institutional affiliation, and contact information for the project investigator(s), on page 1, separable from items 3-6
- 3) A brief project description
- 4) A discussion of the significance of the project to the programmatic goals of CPTSC
- 5) Identification of potential publication locations
- 6) An outline of the project methodology or research tasks, including IRB approval if human subjects are involved in any capacity
- 7) A projected budget statement (excluding institutional overhead and indirect costs. Request a waiver from your institution if necessary.)

Applicants **must be current members** of CPTSC. Non-members may apply for membership at <http://www.cptsc.org/join.html>. Proposals should be received by March 1, 2010. Email proposals to [northcut@mst.edu](mailto:northcut@mst.edu) or mail them to the following address:

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Awards will be announced in early April, 2010. All submissions will receive feedback from reviewers. Award recipients are expected to share their research findings (preliminary or final) at the 2010 or 2011 CPTSC national conference. Any publications or presentations resulting from the research should acknowledge CPTSC grant support.