

2009 Call for Research Proposals

CTPSC Research Grant Committee

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

For 2009-2010, CPTSC specifically invites proposals for projects that build international partnerships and help to establish new connections between two or more faculty members at institutions in different countries. We seek to fund proposals that initiate new partnerships rather than promote existing ones. To support this work, awards may be used for travel to and registration at the 2009 meeting in Aarhus, Denmark, where such partnerships may be forged. Applicants interested in competing for international partnership support should present proposals that explain specific programmatic initiatives for establishing an international partnership, describe institutional support for the partnership, and identify one or more faculty members who will be awarded up to \$1500 (total, individually or collectively) in travel monies to attend the conference and do the work necessary to establish the proposed connections. Award winners will deliver reports at the 2010 CPTSC annual conference describing their program's progress and successes in making these connections.

CPTSC will also consider other research projects, not specifically related to international partnership support. 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. CPTSC encourages faculty-student collaborations on projects.

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, 2009. Email proposals to northcut@mst.edu or mail them to the following address:

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Awards will be announced in late March 2009. All submissions will receive feedback from reviewers. Award recipients are expected to share their research findings (preliminary or final) at the 2009 or 2010 CPTSC national conference. Any publications or presentations resulting from the research should acknowledge CPTSC grant support.