Duke Social Innovation & Entrepreneurship Faculty Fellowship

Overview: Duke University’s Innovation and Entrepreneurship (I&E) initiative is partnering with the Social Science Research Institute (SSRI) and the Education and Human Development Incubator (EHDi) to offer a Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship Faculty Fellowship. Starting with its third cohort this April, this two-year fellowship is focused on supporting Duke faculty who are interested in incorporating social innovation and entrepreneurship into their teaching and work. Through the fellowship, each fellow is expected to develop and implement an entrepreneurial project designed to advance social innovation and entrepreneurship in relevant classes and/or community impact.

Benefits to Participating Faculty:

- Customized guidance on curriculum design, access to relevant teaching resources, and introductions to a network of speakers and leading social innovators and entrepreneurs;
- Cash stipends for new classes;
- A peer learning group;
- Coaching support for existing Bass Connections projects or proposed Bass Connections projects in anticipation of December submission;
- Direct connections to the social innovation and entrepreneurship community in Durham, North Carolina, nationally, and globally;
- Promotion of your classes and projects among students;
- Recognition for contributions as a Faculty Fellow across the university.

Fellowship Design: To maximize quality interactions the SE Faculty Fellowship includes:

Year 1:
- A half-day kick-off retreat during week of May 2nd
- Five meetings with peer fellows from August - April;
- Ongoing consultative support;
- Present progress on projects at Faculty Institute in April

Year 2:
- Participate in Fellowship Gathering in August
- Continue project-based work with consultative support
- Early spring meeting with Fellowship Cohort
- Publish short write-up of project on SI&E website and present at Institute

Ongoing: participate in Fellowship Alumni Gatherings
Through the Fellowship, Faculty Fellows agree to:

- Advance a class-related or community initiative that advances the teaching and practice of social innovation and entrepreneurship;
- Participate actively in the Duke peer-learning community including attending all prescheduled meetings with Faculty Fellows as well as one-on-one calls with the Fellowship Coordinator;
- Attend the spring kick-off retreat in May and present on work at the Faculty Institutes;
- Upon completing from the Fellowship, participate as an alumni mentor and active participant in the Duke I&E community; and
- Allow Duke I&E to showcase work and profile on its website.

2015 Social Innovation & Entrepreneurship Faculty Fellows:
- Bill Adair, Public Policy
- Sherryl Broverman, Sociology
- Helen Egger, Psychology; Psychiatry and Behavioral Science
- Jeff Forbes, Computer Science
- Jan Riggsbee, Education Program

2014 Social Innovation & Entrepreneurship Faculty Fellows:
- Steffen Bass, Physics
- Maurizio Forte, Archeology
- Wesley Hogan, Center for Documentary Studies
- Jody McAuliffe, Theater Studies
- Tom Nechyba, Economics/ SSRI
- Nimmi Ramanujan, Bio-Medical Engineering

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