Summer Writing-Teaching Grants
Deadline for Proposals: Friday, February 15, 2008

The Campus Writing Program, in conjunction with the Office of Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculties, is soliciting applications for as many as five $1500 Summer Writing–Teaching Grants dedicated to helping faculty design undergraduate courses that use writing in innovative and fruitful ways.

Bloomington campus tenured, tenure-track, and clinical faculty members are eligible for the awards. Recipients should devote two weeks of full-time effort to incorporating writing into courses they teach; they may not be on appointment for any other teaching, administrative, or research duties during the grant period.

Grant recipients will meet twice with other fellows and with Writing Program consultants as necessary. A report outlining the design of the course or courses and evaluating the efficacy of that design in the classroom must be produced within a calendar year of the end of the fellowship period. Recipients can also expect an invitation to present their work to other faculty in one of the Campus Writing Program's faculty workshops.

The Writing Program is eager to fund the efforts of faculty who wish to use writing to solve a pedagogical problem as well as to teach undergraduate students to express, to reformulate, or to apply the concepts of an academic discipline. Applications are welcome from faculty in all disciplines; particularly encouraged are proposals that:

1) represent substantive changes from a conventional lecture–test format;
2) promise to employ imaginative, practical, and replicable ways of using writing to teach or to evaluate;
3) would allow students to meet departmental or school requirements.

Courses supported by CWP grants must be taught within the subsequent academic year. Applications must include a letter from the department chair or dean that endorses the project and certifies that the applicant will teach the course twice in the following three academic years.

The deadline for submission of applications is the third Friday of February each year. A short application form is available online as a Word document, at: www.indiana.edu/~cwp/grants.shtml, and may be returned to cwp@indiana.edu. Additional forms are available from the Office of Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculties, Bryan Hall 111 (855-2809), or from the Campus Writing Program, Franklin Hall 008 (855-4928).

Please direct questions about the grants and application procedures to Laura Plummer, Director, Campus Writing Program (lplummer@indiana.edu; 855-4928). Past winners of Writing–Teaching Fellowships and staff from the Office of Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculties will serve as referees; awards will be announced in March each year.