

# REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

## ENHANCING DISTANCE EDUCATION IN THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

### *Faculty/Professional Incentive Program for Online Course Development*

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The College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CANR) is committed to enhancing its distance education programs to better serve current and potential students. Our initial efforts are focused on increasing the number of CANR online courses. In 2008, 18 CANR faculty members will offer 26 courses through UD Online (see reverse for current and in progress CANR online courses). To accomplish this, the CANR, in cooperation with the *University of Delaware Online* program, has been providing provide financial incentives and technical support to faculty and professionals who are interested in developing online courses. **The CANR incentive program began in 2005 and will be offered for the final time in the spring semester of 2008.**

#### **WHO CAN APPLY FOR THE CANR ONLINE COURSE DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM?**

All CANR faculty members and professional staff responsible for teaching CANR courses.

#### **WHAT IS REQUIRED BY THIS CANR PROGRAM?**

- < Faculty and professional staff participating in this program agree to: (i) develop an online course within one year of approval of their proposal; (ii) offer the course at least once per year in three of the five years following approval of their proposal.

#### **WHAT ARE THE FINANCIAL INCENTIVES?**

- < The CANR will provide \$3000 in summer salary as a one-time incentive to develop and offer an online course.
- < The *UD Online program* also provides the following: (i) course development funding to faculty and professionals equivalent to a 2 credit S-contract plus laptop computer or a 3 credit S-contract; (ii) ongoing compensation each time the course is offered, paid on a per student/per credit hour basis.

#### **HOW DO I APPLY?**

Complete the attached application form and submit, along with an approved *UD Online* course development proposal, to Dr. Tom Sims, Associate Dean for Academic Programs and Research, 116 Townsend Hall by **April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008** (see reverse for details on the application process).

#### **HOW ARE PROPOSALS SELECTED FOR FUNDING?**

Proposals will be reviewed and ranked by the CANR Academic Programs Advisory Panel. *Preference will be given to:* (i) courses that are compatible with the Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) major - particularly courses at the 300 or higher level; (ii) introductory level courses with broad, campus-wide appeal.

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**THE CANR ONLINE COURSE DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM  
AND THE UD ONLINE COURSE ACCELERATION PROJECT**  
*Application and Course Development Process*

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1. Faculty/professionals applying to *CANR Online Course Development Incentive Program* first meet with *UD Online* staff for an orientation session on online course development. Please contact Judith Miller (Program Manager, Continuing Education-Distance Learning, 831-3148, [judithm@udel.edu](mailto:judithm@udel.edu)) to arrange this meeting.
2. Faculty/professionals then complete a UD Online Fellows application<sup>i</sup> with input from *UD Online* staff and submit, along with the attached CANR application form, to the CANR Associate Dean for Academic Programs by **April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008**.
3. All proposals are then reviewed by the CANR Office of Academic Programs Advisory Panel. Awards will be announced by **April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008**.
4. Faculty/professionals with approved applications agree to:
  - a. Attend 6 UD Online Fellows sessions.
  - b. Use the University's approved Learning Management System.
  - c. Complete development of their online course within one year and offer the course online at least once per year in three of the five years following approval of their proposal.

**Completed and In Progress Online Courses in the College of Agriculture & Natural Resources**

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| AGED 467/667  | Working with Advisory Councils in Agriculture & Extension Education (Pat Barber) |
| ANSC 101      | Introduction to Animal Science (Lesa Griffiths)                                  |
| ANSC 251      | Animal Nutrition (Bill Saylor)   |
| ANSC 261      | Principles of Companion Animal Nutrition (Lesa Griffiths)                        |
| ANSC 267      | <i>Equine Nutrition (Bill Saylor)</i>  |
| ANSC/FOSC 315 | Food Safety from Farm to Fork (Kali Kniel)                                       |
| ANSC 421      | <i>Poultry Production (Bob Alphin)</i>   |
| ANSC 436      | Immunology of Domestic Animals (Marlene Emará)                                   |
| EGTE 103      | Land and Water Management (Bill Ritter)  |
| EGTE 115      | Introduction to Computer Problem Solving (Eric Benson)                           |
| EGTE 311      | Fundamentals of Thermodynamics (Palianappa Krishnan)                             |
| EGTE 328      | Waste Management Systems (Bill Ritter)   |
| EGTE 443      | Instrumentation (Ken Lomax)  |
| EGTE 449      | <i>Applied Controls (Eric Benson)</i>  |
| EGTE 456      | Fundamentals of HVAC (Jim Scarborough)   |
| ENWC 201      | Wildlife Conservation and Ecology (Penny Rodrick-Williams)                       |
| ENWC 205      | Elements of Entomology (Dewey Caron)   |
| ENWC 214      | Apiology and Apiculture (Dewey Caron)  |
| FOSC 305      | Food Science (Dallas Hoover)   |
| FOSC 467/667  | <i>Advances in FoodMicrobiology (Kali Kniel)</i>                                 |
| ORES 601      | Survey Operations Research I (Rhonda Aull Hyde)                                  |
| ORES 602      | Survey Operations Research II (Rhonda Aull Hyde)                                 |
| PLSC170       | Soils and Environmental Quality (David Hansen)                                   |
| PLSC 332      | Basic Landscape Design (Jules Bruck)   |
| STAT 200      | Basic Statistical Practice (Tom Ilvento)   |
| STAT 608      | Research Methods (Tom Ilvento)   |

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<sup>i</sup> See <http://www.pcs.udel.edu/udonline/faculty/development/fellows.html> for details on the UD Online Fellows Program.