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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS FOR RETIREES:  
A CALL FOR PROPOSALS

**DEADLINE: DECEMBER 15, 2009**

In recognition that funding sources are often unavailable for University retirees who wish to continue their professional work, the Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) and the University of Minnesota Retirees Association (UMRA) are pleased to announce the second cycle of awards intended to support retirees requiring financial assistance to pursue projects related to their research, instructional, or other work history and that contribute to the educational, scholarly and academic reputation of the University. Funding for these awards has been provided by the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, the Senior Vice President for Health Sciences, the Senior Vice President for System Academic Administration, the Vice President for Research and Interim Dean of the Graduate School, and UMRA. Support for the program also comes from college deans.

All faculty, professional and administrative, and civil service retirees from the Twin Cities and Coordinate Campuses of the University, who will be fully retired by July 1, 2010, are eligible to apply. Ten grants or more of up to \$4000 will be awarded during the 2009-2010 academic year. It is expected that work supported by a grant, even if part of a larger, multi-year undertaking, will be completed within a year's time. Successful applicants will be eligible to reapply after a one-year hiatus.

Applications must include, in this order: 1) a cover page headed "Application for a Professional Development Grant for Retirees, University of Minnesota," and listing the applicant's name, date of retirement, University position at retirement, U.S. mail and email

addresses, and date of submission; 2) a one paragraph abstract of no more than 150 words; 3) a two to three page description of the work to be undertaken, the expected outcome and significance of the project, the resources and methods to be employed, a project timeline, and the relationship of the project to the applicant's professional activities; 4) a single page budget detailing expenditures to be covered by the grant, as well as other sources of project support, whether from personal resources or other funding agencies; and 5) a Vita of no more than two pages. Applications should include a statement of willingness by the applicant's home department or unit to receive and dispense the grant funds. A list of successful 2008 applications is available for reference at <http://www.umn.edu/umra/Grants.html>.

Projects might be part of an applicant's ongoing professional activities, but proposals for developing new interests or research methodologies within an applicant's area of expertise are also encouraged. Expenses eligible for support include, but are not limited to travel and per diem costs related to conference attendance and research trips, research assistants, photocopying, and the purchase of books, software, and other materials.

A committee appointed by the Vice President for Research and UMRA consisting of members from a range of disciplines, will review all applications and make recommendations for funding. In each case, committee members closest to the applicant's field will lead the discussion, but all committee members will vote on each proposal. Applicants are thus advised to present their proposals in language understandable by non-specialists.

Awards will be announced on or about March 1, 2010, commence on April 1, 2010, and end on June 30 of the following year. Within two months of the grant's end date, awardees should submit to the Grants Office of the Office of Vice President for Research a 2-3 page description of activities conducted and achievements realized under the terms of the grant, and a chronological history of expenses incurred. All publications or other project outcomes should acknowledge the support provided by the OVPR and UMRA.

Nine copies of the grant proposal should be submitted, by December 15, 2009, to:

Grants and Awards Office  
Office of the Vice President for Research  
University of Minnesota  
420 Johnston Hall  
101 Pleasant St. SE  
Minneapolis, MN 55455

Questions concerning eligibility or other related issues should be directed via email to any of the following members of the UMRA Small Grants Committee: John Howe at [howex002@umn.edu](mailto:howex002@umn.edu); Martin Dworkin at [dworkin@umn.edu](mailto:dworkin@umn.edu); Richard Caldecott at [calde004@umn.edu](mailto:calde004@umn.edu); Hal Miller at [miller@umn.edu](mailto:miller@umn.edu); Kim Munholland at [munho001@umn.edu](mailto:munho001@umn.edu); Joanne Eicher at [jeicher@umn.edu](mailto:jeicher@umn.edu); Russell Hobbie at [hobbie@umn.edu](mailto:hobbie@umn.edu); Julia Wallace at [j-wall@umn.edu](mailto:j-wall@umn.edu).