

Call for Proposals
DARREL BIGHAM HISTORIC SOUTHERN INDIANA FACULTY
ENGAGEMENT FELLOWSHIP
SUMMER 2012

Application Deadline: Monday, November 4, 2011

Historic Southern Indiana will award one summer fellowship of \$4,000 to an eligible member of the University of Southern Indiana faculty. The project will begin in the summer of 2012 and must be completed by the end of the spring semester in 2013.

Historic Southern Indiana was created in 1986 to serve a 26 county region of southern Indiana. Its goals are to identify, preserve, protect, enhance, and promote the historical, natural and recreational resources of the region. It seeks to implement those goals through programs in historic preservation, history education, heritage tourism, community development, and scenic byways. HSI is part of the Division of Outreach and Engagement.

Projects may take the form of applied research, service learning, technical support, consulting, internships or co-ops, class projects or other activities that are designed to produce a product or outcome that is mutually beneficial. Any discipline is eligible. Visit <http://www.usi.edu/hsi/news.asp> for information of previously funded fellowships. Sample projects might include (but are not limited to):

- **Consulting** (Examples: assisting in the preparation of community or organizational strategic, marketing, or business plans)
- **Research** (Examples: preparation of a background study for an exhibit or an interpretive plan, of visitor profiles, or of studies of the economic impact of visitation)
- **Creation of Workshops/Institutes:** (Examples: preparation and implementation of teacher enhancement workshops connecting the classroom to the region, hospitality training programs, or workshops designed to enhance the quality of interpretation in communities)
- **Media** (Examples: producing instructional or promotional videos, mobile applications, GPS , and/or audio tours,

Eligibility

1. Applicants must hold full-time faculty positions at the time of application, and be able to verify that they will be returning to USI for the 2012-2013 academic year.
2. Preference will be given to applicants who identify a regional external partner organization which will directly benefit from this project.
3. Applications for course development, faculty development, departmental curriculum development, or institutional research activities are not eligible.

Fellowship Information

The Darrel Bigham Faculty Engagement Fellowship provides one \$4,000 salary stipend to support scholarly work. The award recipient will be announced at the spring faculty meeting in January. Half of the stipend will be awarded by May 31, 2012 with the remaining portion to be awarded upon project completion. The award will be paid as a personal stipend through payroll. The award may be used to pay for project expenses at the recipient's preference.

Allowable Activities (Definition of Research)

The Darrel Bigham Historic Southern Indiana Faculty Engagement Fellowship provides for faculty projects that have demonstrated benefit in the 26 county HSI region. Counties include: Clark, Crawford, Daviess, Dearborn, Dubois, Floyd, Gibson, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Knox, Lawrence, Martin, Ohio, Orange, Perry, Pike, Posey, Ripley, Scott, Spencer, Switzerland, Vanderburgh, Washington, and Warrick.

Selection Process

One Darrel Bigham Historic Southern Indiana Faculty Engagement Fellowship will be issued annually for the summer with completion occurring no later than the following spring. The selection committee will consist of the Associate Provost of Outreach and Engagement, the director of Historic Southern Indiana, and up to 3 members of Historic Southern Indiana's Advisory Board.

Application Instructions

- Complete the Darrel Bigham Historic Southern Indiana Faculty Engagement Fellowship Cover Page with signature of the applicant's college dean.
- Attach a project description addressing the following criteria (The project description is limited to no more than five double-spaced pages using a type font no smaller than 12 point.):
 - Project goals and objectives
 - Plan of implementation and timeline for development and completion
 - Feasibility statement
 - Relevance to the applicant's discipline(s),
 - Benefit to Historic Southern Indiana
 - Proposed budget
- Submit the original signed application and one electronic copy to Leslie Townsend, Historic Southern Indiana, Division of Outreach and Engagement, University Center East, Room 2242 or to ltownsen@usi.edu.

Award Criteria

1. Clarity of objectives and project description
2. Feasibility—the ability to complete the project by the end of the spring semester, 2012
3. Relevance to the applicant's academic discipline(s) and benefit to the applicant's professional development
4. Benefit to Historic Southern Indiana and its constituents
5. Likelihood of full-time faculty status for 2012-2013 academic year

Reporting Requirement

The fellowship recipient is required to submit a brief report (1 -2 pages maximum) or copy of the completed work by May 15, 2013.

Acknowledgment

All work resulting from the Darrel Bigham Faculty Engagement Fellowship must include an acknowledgement of Historic Southern Indiana.

For further information contact:

Leslie Townsend, director of Historic Southern Indiana, UC East, Room 2242, 465-7013, ltownsen@usi.edu.