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TO: UWB Faculty members

FROM: Collaborative Undergraduate Research Program of the Teaching & Learning Center

RE: **Undergraduate research program offers \$2,000 research grants**

Last year pilot funding was highly successful in encouraging and supporting an impressive group of collaborations that join faculty and undergraduate students as co-researchers. The grants we awarded resulted in research that was or will be published and presented at conferences. The response of faculty who participated is very enthusiastic for carrying this program forward.

So, figuring that "if it ain't broke, don't fix it," we are extending the grants with the same terms:

- We will provide a **\$2,000 research fund to the five faculty proposals selected**, to be used for travel, books, research assistants, etc. To accommodate the varied research/presentation calendars of different fields of study, funding can be extended through the calendar year 2008.
- We will provide a **\$150 stipend to students each quarter** they participate in the funded research. We will ask them to meet together once or twice a quarter to discuss general questions about research that may not come up in their work with faculty and to give them contact with a cohort of student researchers. We will also use these meetings to help students develop presentations or publications. (You can, of course, give students independent study credit through your program.)
- We will support **students presenting research at conferences**. Each quarter, we will have \$1000 to be distributed to four students (with a cap of \$400 each). We hope that these funds can be used to help students find additional matching funds from their academic programs or the organizations sponsoring the conferences. These grants will be available to students presenting on research they've conducted with faculty for up to one year after they graduate. (These grants are not limited to students participating in faculty research.)

Faculty who have engaged student collaborators in their research are available to help identify appropriate areas of research in which to work with students, design the approach the faculty researcher will take and specify the particular skills students will need to acquire.

If you have current students in mind who can work with you, we encourage you to use them in your funded work. If not, we will provide information and help recruit students to your projects. The final selection of students to work with you will, of course, be yours. We also anticipate that our recruitment process will enable us to identify interested students even for projects not funded through our grants.

Applications are available by emailing the Teaching and Learning Center (tlc@uwb.edu). The deadline for submissions for 2007-08 is October 26. In making selections, we will be particularly attentive to:

- Opportunities for student learning through shared inquiry, with opportunities for students to have joint or sole authorship of publications or presentations.
- Where possible, proposals that involve a small cohort of students, rather than a single student. (We welcome multiple proposals submitted jointly where projects require complementary skills, and the student cohort can serve multiple projects.)

Decisions will be made on the initial proposals by November 13. If funds remain, we will continue to review proposals thereafter on a rolling basis.

Please contact Becky Rosenberg (beckyr@u.washington.edu) if you have any questions.