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TO: All Faculty (Tenure-track, Research, Extension, and Clinical)

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RE: **VPR&PS Discretionary Fund**

As many of you know, the University's Academic Strategic Plan has been approved. One of the five strategic themes that will guide our future direction is "engagement and outreach". To reflect this focus area the VPR&PS Discretionary Fund will focus on "**outreach scholarship**". Outreach Scholarship projects represent research efforts in which there is a **mutually beneficial collaboration** between UNH and external partners for the purpose of **generating and applying relevant knowledge** to directly benefit the public.

Applications are now being accepted for FY05 discretionary grants. An application cover sheet is attached and additional copies are available in the VPR&PS office (Thompson Hall, Ext. 2-1997, Kathy Mandsager). The deadline for receipt of proposals is **April 8, 2005**. Awards will be announced by May 13, 2005 and funds will be available July 1, 2005.

A total of \$100K is available for FY05, and proposals will be reviewed with the assistance of the Engagement, Outreach, and Public Service and the Research Advisory Boards. In recent years we have funded about 50% of the proposals submitted.

Project completion and final reports are due **Sept 15, 2006**. Awardees are also expected to deliver a brief, oral presentation and powerpoint of the results of their work. Powerpoint presentations will be included on the VPR&PS website to showcase outreach scholarship at UNH.

General criteria for awards are as follows:

1. Only tenure-track, research, clinical and extension faculty are eligible for awards.
2. Projects may be submitted in one of two categories:
 - (A) Projects submitted by cross-departmental or cross-college teams that address outreach scholarship from an interdisciplinary perspective (\$10,000 - \$15,000); or
 - (B) Projects submitted by an individual investigator (\$5,000 maximum).
3. Projects that include a documented plan to use these seed funds for other competitive proposal submissions are highly encouraged.
4. Release time and summer salary may be requested as part of the budget but not the sole expense. Supplemental salary for the academic year **will not** be provided. If release time is requested an approval letter (one original, two copies) from the appropriate dean(s) **and** department chair(s) must be included.
5. Additional guidelines are included on the attached pages.

Enclosure

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