Faculty Fellowships for Study in a Second Discipline offer faculty members an opportunity to extend their scholarship through a new area of study that complement their major area of teaching and research. Fellowships may be awarded for one semester or academic year beginning August 2014 or January 2015. The Office of the Provost will make available a sum of $3500 per semester to the recipient in the form of supply and expense support for travel, equipment, software, and other similar expenses. The home department of the recipient will receive $7,000 per semester to help offset the cost of lost instruction. The department and college/school will assume responsibility for covering the teaching assignments of the faculty recipient during the period of engagement in this program.

Awards will be made on a competitive basis typically four or five awards are made each year. Participation is limited to tenured faculty, and the study must take place on the West Lafayette campus. The Faculty Fellowships for Study in a Second Discipline are separate and distinct from the sabbatical or leave program. At the end of the academic year of the award, recipients will be asked to provide an account of their activity including a description of the benefits of the fellowship for the faculty member’s teaching, scholarship, and extramural funding as a result of participation in the program.

The following guidelines apply:

1. This program is established for faculty to have release time from teaching (except from direction of theses and dissertations) to enlarge the range of their knowledge by the study of disciplines other than those in their present field(s) of specialization. Applicants must propose a program of study in a new discipline through auditing courses, undertaking independent study, conducting interdisciplinary research, or other activities that will contribute to competence in the new discipline. The new area of study must be supported by one or more advisers/collaborators from the host department, school or center.

2. There must be a demonstrable relationship between the applicant’s primary field of specialization and the new discipline of interest. Application for study in a field the applicant already employs in his or her current work is not acceptable.

3. To apply, the faculty member must receive approval and authorization from the head of his or her home department from which he or she is to be released from teaching responsibilities for at least one semester or academic year. At his or her own discretion, the successful applicant may undertake departmental activities provided that these do not interfere with the study in a second discipline.

4. Applications must be submitted online to the Office of the Provost on or before November 18, 2013.
The application must include:

(a.) completed online application form;
(b.) updated curriculum vitae;
(c.) The plan of study should not exceed four typewritten pages. Your plan of study should explain how time will be spent studying in a second discipline and how such study will enhance one’s research, teaching and/or engagement activities in a primary discipline. Therefore the plan of study should include:
- Rationale
- Objective
- Benefits to research, teaching and/or engagement
- Benefits to extramural funding
- Summary

(d.) letter of support from the applicant’s department head;
(e.) a letter of support from the host faculty member.

Three broad criteria will guide the selection process:

(a.) The demonstrated need for formal study in another discipline that expands ones research, teaching, and/or engagement activities;
(b.) The potential for the proposed project to add significantly to the knowledge in both disciplines;
(c.) The degree to which the interdisciplinary work advances either or both departments’ strategic plans.