Funding Opportunities, Spring 2011

Center for Energy, Environment and Sustainability

CEES announces funding opportunities for research, scholarship, and working groups related to energy, environment and sustainability as broadly defined. The grants seek to provide new opportunities for research and scholarly activities at Wake Forest. Though the center has formed with core groups in Renewable Energy Research, Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, and Policy, Enterprise, and Markets, we support all areas of scholarship, and actively encourage new groups of scholars—faculty and students—dedicated to addressing problems related to the center’s mission of building a community dedicated to effecting meaningful change in the areas energy, environment, and sustainability.

What We Fund: Seed Grants, Research Opportunities, and Research Support. CEES is funding seed grants in multiple areas: (1) competitive seed grants for multidisciplinary research groups, (2) competitive seed grants for research engagement or re-engagement in interdisciplinary research related to energy, environment and sustainability, (3) funds for half-day or full day meetings centered on developing or finishing proposals for external funding (see overview below).

Funding Levels: $1000-$3000 (Target, other amounts entertained)

How to Apply: Applications should take the form of a 2-3 page concept note that clearly identifies the question to be addressed and its relevance to energy, environment, and/or sustainability. Please include a brief budget and timeline.

Deadlines: Concept notes will be reviewed on a rolling basis starting March 4th.

Overview of Support:

1. Multidisciplinary Research Grants will fund collaborative groups of Wake Forest scholars to address questions that result in tangible outcomes in energy, environment, or sustainability. Central to these grants will be a theory of change that the group of scholars will effect i.e., how the research will be translated into action to solve problems.

2. Engagement and Re-engagement Grants are designed to integrate junior faculty into existing research teams and opportunities related to energy, environment, and sustainability, or provide opportunities for senior faculty to participate in multidisciplinary research related to CEES’s focus. The first two years of grantmaking activities will pay particular attention
to integrating the humanities, social sciences, divinity, law, business, and medicine into the community of scholars addressing environmental issues.

3. **Get Away Fund.** There is no substitute for dedicated groups of scholars convening to work on proposals in isolation from normal daily activities and focus entirely on grant writing. The get-away fund supports full and half-day grant writing workshops for multidisciplinary groups submitting proposals.

For more information on the funding opportunities, please contact Tiffany White [whitetm@wfu.edu; 758-CEES (758-2337)]. For information on CEES and affiliating with the center, visit us at [http://cees.wfu.edu](http://cees.wfu.edu)