Call for Applications

Environmental Faculty Fellows (EFF) Program

Theme: Climate Change and Coupled Human and Natural Systems

Deadline: 7 December 2009

With the support of the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies, ESPP is holding a competition for participation in the first class of Environmental Faculty Fellows.

The goals of the EFF are to:
1- facilitate building networks among new faculty,
2- helping connect them with collaborators at other institutions, and
3-to advance understanding of climate change and coupled human and natural systems.

The Program: We will select 6-8 member of the 2010 Environmental Faculty Fellows Class. Those selected will come from a diversity of disciplines. From January 2010 through June 2011 the Fellows will meet about once per month. They will agree on a common theme for research projects and conduct research projects with a goal of final papers being drafted by Spring 2011. The theme will be related to two major areas of MSU excellence in environmental research: climate change and coupled human and natural systems. But the precise focus of the efforts will be determined by the Fellows. The theme will be broad enough to allow each Fellow to deploy her or his expertise, individually or in collaboration with each other, but sufficiently focused that all the resulting papers can be published in an edited book or special issue of a journal.

Resources: Each Fellow will have access to $3500 to be used primarily for facilitating collaboration with a colleague at another institution on their project.

Symposium: During Spring 2010, we will hold a Symposium on the theme selected by the Fellows. The Fellows and their collaborators will present their research. We will also invite several distinguished researchers whose work relates to the theme to participate. The resulting papers will be published as either an edited book or a special issue of a journal.

Who is eligible? Any tenure stream faculty member who is an ESPP affiliate, including but not limited to those faculty with part of their FTE in ESPP, and who will have been a member of the MSU faculty for less than 4 years by 1 January 2010.

Application: Interested faculty should submit an application and a current CV. The application should include a brief statement of overall interdisciplinary research interests (250 words maximum) and an initial idea regarding the project they would undertake (250 words maximum). It is understood that the projects will shift as a result of discussions among the Fellows once the Class is formed.

Please submit applications electronically to: tdietz@msu.edu by Monday, December 7, 2009.