



## **Request for Proposals CSM Collaborative Mini-Grant Program**

As awards for scientific research, particularly at NSF, become more competitive, the significance of the Broader Impacts criterion in evaluating proposals for funding has migrated from essentially a pass/fail standing to being an integral part of the success of the proposal. Policy researchers on the CSM campus, including those in EB and LAIS, provide a unique opportunity to jointly pursue research efforts that require an integration of engineering/applied science and the public policy implications associated with those research advances. As a university, we are well-suited to address the Broader Impacts criteria that are becoming so important in terms of the standards set by award-granting agencies.

The Earth Resources Institute (<http://eri.mines.edu>) at CSM is requesting proposals for collaborative research efforts between engineering/science and policy researchers on campus. The goal of this initiative is to provide financial support for teams of researchers to formulate and submit significant research proposals to award-granting agencies. The singular objective of this mini-grant program is to incentivize inter-disciplinary research efforts across campus, whereby some form of policy analysis is a key component.

**Award Information:** Up to 4 awards in the first round; each team award is \$25,000

**Eligibility:** CSM tenure/tenure-track or research faculty from all departments and divisions on campus. Proposals must include some aspect of policy analysis or investigation of societal benefits/costs associated with the science/engineering component of research.

**Proposal Preparation and Submission:** Proposals should be limited to 3 pages in length and include a description of the interdisciplinary nature of the work, an explanation of the Broader Impacts implications associated with the work, as well as the proposed funding agency or agencies where the larger proposal will be submitted. For more information regarding the Broader Impacts discussion, please see <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2007/nsf07046/nsf07046.jsp>.

**Deadline:** Proposals are due on or before April 1, 2015. All proposals should be submitted electronically to Michael R. Walls, Interim Director, Division of Economics & Business at [mwalls@mines.edu](mailto:mwalls@mines.edu). Final grant proposals to award agencies must be submitted within 6 months of mini-grant award.

**Proposal Review:** An interdisciplinary team of CSM researchers will review the proposals and make recommendations regarding the mini-grant awards.

**Award Administration:** Award decisions will be announced on April 15, 2015.

**Questions and Contact:** Please contact Michael R Walls at [mwalls@mines.edu](mailto:mwalls@mines.edu) or at 303.273.3492 for additional information.