

To: Campus Community
From: Jerilyn McIntyre, President
Re: Requests for Proposals -- Spheres of Distinction
Date: January 15, 2008

For the past two years, I have funded projects which were submitted in response to a request for proposals in keeping with five spheres of distinction. These projects, and others which were not funded, reminded us that we are rich in “innovative and resourceful approaches to academic, student, and campus life giving regional, national, or international prominence to Central Washington University.” I am now receiving reports from proposals that were funded in the first year and am encouraged by the tremendous progress the additional infusion of funding has stimulated. Because of the success of the initiative, we anticipate funding another round of projects, dependent on the availability of funds, for the 2008-2009 academic year.

With this announcement, I am soliciting proposals for Spheres of Distinction funding for the 2008-2009 academic year. Proposals must be aligned with one or more of the following “spheres” which were adopted by the Board of Trustees.

- Interdisciplinary Programs and Research
- Preparation of Professional Educators
- Programs and Activities Nurturing the Development of Students as Individuals, Scholars, Artists, and Citizens
- Activities Addressing Regional Needs and Enhancing Regional Resources
- University Centers

Proposals can be initiated by anyone, but should be submitted through the supervisory chain to the head of the division who will forward his or her priorities to the president for consideration. Proposal initiators may submit letters of support from within or outside their departments or units. Interdivisional proposals should be submitted for review simultaneously to all division heads whose divisions are involved.

Proposals should be submitted on the attached form (which is also available in pdf format at www.cwu.edu/president) and should reach your division head with all necessary signatures no later than April 1, 2008. Proposal initiators are responsible for obtaining all necessary signatures prior to submission to their division heads. Division heads will select and prioritize proposals for submission to the president and, at the same time, will inform proposal initiators of the disposition of their individual proposals. The president will select proposals to be funded from among those forwarded to her by the division heads.

**Central Washington University
Spheres of Distinction
Request for Proposals Submission Form
Due April 1, 2008**

Project Title: _____

Proposal Initiator(s): _____

Other Contributors: _____

Unit(s): _____

Date Submitted: _____

Supervisors Comments:

First Supervisory Level

Comments:

Signature

Date

Second Supervisory Level

Comments:

Signature

Date

Third Supervisory Level

Comments:

Signature

Date

Identify the sphere(s) of distinction – no more than two – to which your proposal relates:

____ Interdisciplinary Programs and Research

____ Preparation of Professional Educators

____ Programs and Activities Nurturing the Development of Students as Individuals, Scholars, Artists, and Citizens

____ Activities Addressing Regional Needs and Enhancing Regional Resources

____ University Centers

In 300 words or less, describe the initiative you are proposing and its long-term goals.

In 300 words or less, explain how the initiative relates to the sphere(s) of distinction you've identified.

In 300 words or less, explain past efforts and successes related to the proposal.

List goals and objectives to be achieved in 2008-2009, if this project is funded.

Attach a detailed budget request for this project specifying if the request is for one-time or base funding. Please include

- **Personnel**
 - **Salary**
 - **Benefits**
- **Goods and Services**