

Professional Mentor Application

David O. McKay School of Education

Alliances for the Strength of Youth

Summary

Funding up to \$2,000 for MSE faculty to work closely with scholar(s) from another university.

General Guidelines

The overall aim of the Professional Mentor program is for MSE faculty member(s) to establish a working relationship with a scholar or group of scholars (e.g., a research center) with a particular expertise that would clearly further the MSE faculty member's career. As part of this process, the MSE faculty member will usually develop a mutually beneficial research project, join one of the senior scholar's existing projects as a co-author, or involve the senior scholar as co-author on one of their own projects. MSE faculty members select the senior scholar based on their own need to acquire a specific skill or network. Typically, this arrangement would involve travel to another university or meeting with the senior scholar prior to a professional convention.

Funding Considerations

- Match of MSE faculty member with the senior scholar. Applications should detail the specific benefits to the MSE faculty member(s) that the senior scholar would provide.
- Letter/email of support from the senior scholar. Applications must demonstrate that the scholar understands and will provide the collaboration described in the application.
- Potential for positive impact. Preference will be given to relationships that have the most potential to result in publications/products for faculty members who are either establishing their careers (non-CFS faculty) or experiencing a transition in their careers (e.g., undertaking a new line of inquiry).

Application

Submit a formal letter *signed by all applicants* that contains the following information:

1. Name and qualifications of the senior scholar(s) (attach a copy of CVs and/or a website describing the research center and personnel).
2. Nature of the MSE faculty members' relationship with the scholar(s) or center. (Include descriptions of previous work and plans for future work following the initial visit).
3. How would the senior scholar further the work of the MSE faculty members and the mission of the MSE? (This is the most important aspect of the application. Please be specific regarding such things as: grant writing, administrative consulting, product development, curriculum refinement, service provision, instruction in research procedures not generally know, etc. *Demonstrate how the scholar will meet needs that cannot be met through internal BYU resources.*)
4. Tentative schedule for the proposed travel/consultation.
5. Budget (Typically, expenses would be for BYU faculty member travel to and lodging at another location. Consider meeting during or prior to a professional convention that you would be attending anyway. Optimally, the senior scholar will engage in the collaborative work without fee, but if a stipend is necessary, it should not exceed \$100 per hour).
6. Letter of endorsement from Department Chair or MSE administrator.
7. Copy of email or letter from the scholarly senior scholar agreeing to the terms of the arrangement.

Completed applications should be submitted to Daniela Cisternas (daniela.cisternas@byu.edu)