



Elizabeth Weir Action Research Fellowship Spring 2014

Through the leadership and generosity of Elizabeth Weir, the Action Research Center is proud to offer two fellowships. Weir Fellows work on projects that have been thoughtfully developed using action research strategies. Projects should make a meaningful impact on the community and candidates are encouraged to develop projects that connect the local and the global.

Fellowship Requirements:

Successfully implement an action research project as outlined in the application

Regular meetings with Deborah Halperin and others as needed to complete the project

Students must submit:

Journals reflecting on the research process throughout the semester

An operational guide at the end of the semester to enable the next wave of students to continue the project

A presentation to the campus about your project

Fellowship Dates: Spring semester 2014

Compensation: Up to two fellowships will be granted in 2014. Each Weir Fellowship is valued at up to \$2500. The standard award is up to \$1500 but an additional \$1000 is available to the project if a first-year or sophomore student is involved in a leadership role. Fellows can use the award as income or to assist in project development.

Eligibility: All IWU students registered in spring 2014 are eligible. Students may apply individually or in small groups. Prior recipients of the fellowship are not eligible to apply again.

Applications: Complete ARC project charter (attached) and include a current resume of each person on the team.

Deadline: November 11, 2013 at noon. Applications should be turned in electronically to arc@iwu.edu.

Fellowship selection will be based upon the following criteria:

Overall quality of the application

Use of community-based action research methodology

Confidence in the ability of the fellow to execute the project

Potential for the project to forge and sustain collaborative efforts

To learn more:

Contact: Deborah Halperin dhalperi@iwu.edu or 309.825.6006. Visit the ARC office in CLA 116 by appointment.

**IWU Action Research Center
Project Charter**

For Weir applicants, please submit by Monday, Nov 11 at Noon via email at arc@iwu.edu.
Please contact Deborah Halperin (dhalperi@iwu.edu or 309-825-6006) with any questions.

Please answer all questions using the format below. The application must not exceed five single-sided pages (not including the optional attachment page). No cover letter necessary. Please use font size of no less than 12 with margins no smaller than 1". The application may be single-spaced.

Name of Project: _____

Partners' Contact information: _____

IWU Contact Name(s):

Telephone/Email:

Community Partner (if any) Name & Organization:

Telephone/Email:

Summary _____

Please summarize the project to be funded in 250 words or less.

Community Need/Opportunity _____

What is the need for your project? How was this need determined? How does your project turn this community need into an opportunity?

Collaborators/Partners _____

Who are the main collaborators for the project? What role will each collaborator play?

Project Development & Sustainability _____

How was your project developed? Who was involved in defining the project? Does this project reflect best practices? Is the project sustainable? How will the project continue after the end of the fellowship period?

Project Description & Evaluation _____

Describe the project to be funded. Include a timeline/action plan for activities. How will the project be evaluated?

Budget _____

How much money is being requested? What is the total project cost? Include an itemized budget for the project.

Personnel _____

Please describe the student(s) applying for the Fellowship. Include a current resume for all members. Explain why this team is qualified to execute the project described.

Attachments _____

Applicants may include one page of additional material for consideration by the judges.

Thank you for your time in completing this application!