

**GOLDFARB CENTER FOR
PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
AT COLBY COLLEGE**

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: CO-CURRICULAR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PROJECT GRANTS

The Goldfarb Center for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement invites proposals for the development of Co-Curricular Civic Engagement Grants. The goal of the Goldfarb Center is offering these funds to support opportunities for academic departments to develop programming that engages students in activities related to the academic discipline outside of traditional coursework, and which meets a community-defined need.

Funding The Goldfarb Center will provide funding to reimburse for expenses of up to \$1,000 for up to four projects per year. The program intentionally provides maximum flexibility; expenses may include costs of materials, promotional expenses, costs for refreshments, or taxi vouchers for student travel. A brief report needs to be submitted following completion of the project summarizing the experience. In addition, we will ask for a brief, 300 +/- word article for the Goldfarb Center newsletter about the project. *One year of renewal funding is available with evidence of future departmental support of the project.*

Proposals: Proposals should include

- a brief narrative that identifies project goals and objectives, the proposed civic engagement project, and the likely community partner, and
- a detailed budget that includes anticipated expenses in support of the proposal goals.

Projects must meet the guidelines listed below. The deadline for applications is rolling; proposals may be submitted for spring semester projects for the academic year 2008-2009, or the academic year 09-10.

For assistance in developing a proposal, please contact Alice Elliott, the Goldfarb Center's Assistant Director of Community Outreach and Programming. Resources available include: individual coaching, research on courses at like institutions, sample syllabi, readings and more. You can reach Alice at x5313 or via email at aelliott@colby.edu. **Submit proposals to Alice Elliott, Diamond 252, or via e-mail.**

Civic Engagement Project Guidelines.

Civic Engagement projects include a service component in which students engage the community in a valuable, significant, and necessary activity that has real benefits for the communities involved. Civic engagement projects are not developed in a vacuum but are shaped to respond to the self-identified needs of such communities. The needs of the community dictate the type of civic engagement in which the students are involved, and the community need must be clearly stated and a letter of support from the community partner must support the project. Projects must demonstrate:

- significant involvement of community partners in planning the proposal and implementing the project;
- significant involvement of students in planning the proposal and implementing the project;
- a strong connection between the project and the academic pursuits of the faculty and students involved;
- likelihood that the proposal will result in an ongoing project that results in an ongoing relationship between the Colby department and students involved and the community partner, with continuing contribution to the goals of the community partner.

Preference will be given to departments which have not offered civic engagement courses. New and innovative programs/projects will receive preference, and Colby students must play a role in the design and/or the implementation of the program. Proposals will be circulated to the Goldfarb Center Faculty Coordinating Committee.