



University of Missouri-Columbia

## Multicultural Teaching Scholars Program

October 21, 2002

Dear Colleagues:

We are pleased to enclose the announcement for the 3rd Annual Summer 2003 Multicultural Teaching Scholars Program (MTS). The MTS program is designed to 1)enhance the ability of departments to recruit members of under-represented groups for future employment at MU; and 2)prepare MU graduate and undergraduate students for the future by introducing them to a faculty more representative of the diversity of our society. As you finalize your Summer 2003 course schedules, please consider the ways in which a Multicultural Teaching Scholar might augment your department's summer course offerings. We invite you to submit your MTS proposal now. Evaluation of MTS proposals will begin on December 6, 2002, but will continue until all positions are filled.

Awards in the amount of \$5,000 will be available to individuals who are members of U.S. racial minorities or other under- represented groups. In addition to this stipend the Graduate School will provide each fellow up to \$500 to help defray the costs of transportation to and from Columbia. Scholars may be graduate students who are entering or have completed the final year of a terminal degree program at an institution other than MU or faculty who hold full-time positions at institutions outside the University of Missouri system. Scholars will be expected to teach or co-teach one course during either the first or second four-week session. Scholars may teach an already scheduled summer session course or teach a course that is not yet scheduled but for which there is sufficient student demand.

Proposals must originate in, and have the support of, an MU academic department. Proposals should be no more than two pages in length and include a description of the course to be taught, an assessment of student demand for the course, and an evaluation of the likely impact of an MTS award on the department's ability to accomplish the two goals outlined above. Attached to each proposal should be a copy of the prospective scholar's curriculum vita and a letter of endorsement from the departmental chair. Departments may submit only one application. Applications should be sent to the Graduate School in 210 Jesse Hall.

We invite you to share the enclosed announcement with colleagues at other institutions, through your professional associations and their associated minority caucuses, and directly with persons eligible for participation in the MTS program. You may type the appropriate contact information for your department directly onto the hard copy of the announcement before reproducing and distributing it. Alternatively, you may wish to modify and download the announcement from the Graduate School website.

We are excited about the potential of MTS to enhance campus diversity and hope that the relatively early deadline will give many students an opportunity to plan for and take the courses our Multicultural Teaching scholars will be offering. Thank you, in advance, for your efforts to make the program a success.

For additional information concerning this program, contact Dr. Suzanne Ortega, Vice Provost for Advanced Studies and Dean of the Graduate School at 882-9576 or Stephanie White Thorn, Director at 882-3292.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Suzanne T. Ortega".

Suzanne T. Ortega  
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The University of Missouri - Columbia (MU) invites applications to the Multicultural Teaching Scholars (MTS) program for the 2003 Summer Sessions: First Four-week Session June 9 - July 3 or Second Four-week Session July 7 - August 2. The purpose of the MTS program is to:

- 1) enhance the ability of departments to recruit members of under-represented groups to MU during the summer
- 2) prepare MU graduate and undergraduate students for the future by introducing them to a faculty more representative of the diversity of American society. The selected Multicultural Teaching Scholars will serve as full-time teachers and will teach or co-teach a course during one of the summer sessions.

**Eligibility:** Individuals who are members of U.S. racial or ethnic minorities or other under-represented groups nearing the completion of the doctorate or who have completed the Ph.D. within the past three years are encouraged to apply.

**Salary:** Salary for the 2003 four-week Summer Session Multicultural Teaching Scholar will be \$5,000. In addition, up to \$500 will be provided by the Graduate School for transportation costs to and from Columbia.

**Applications:** Interested candidates should send letters of interest, vita, official transcripts, and three letters of recommendation concerning teaching and research skills to the chair of the department in which they wish to be considered. Contact information for all department chairs can be found at [http://www.missouri.edu/register/directory\\_academic.cfm](http://www.missouri.edu/register/directory_academic.cfm).

**Proposals will be reviewed beginning December 6, 2002.** This deadline is necessary in order to provide departments with ample time to evaluate applications and propose courses for the summer sessions. Review of applications will continue until all MTS positions have been filled.

*For more information about the University and the Columbia community, please visit the MU web site at [www.missouri.edu](http://www.missouri.edu) or the City of Columbia's web site at [www.ci.columbia.mo.us](http://www.ci.columbia.mo.us)*

