

Creative Inquiry in the Arts and Humanities Institute

Next Offering: November 18-20, 2016--Arlington, VA

Application deadline: September 28, 2016. Accepted teams will be notified by October 5, 2016.

The goals of the Institute are to:

- Inform participants about current research on learning outcomes for students engaging in Undergraduate Research, Scholarship, and Creativity (URSC)
- Provide models of URSC programs by a range of institutional types and budgets
- Facilitate teams in defining a mission and overall action plan for URSC in the arts and humanities on their campus, developing strategies to meet those goals, and resolving challenges
- Identify sources and strategies for obtaining funding, both internal and external
- Define arts-and-humanities-friendly assessment mechanisms for the URSC program
- Address workload and tenure & promotion issues for faculty who mentor URSC
- Ensure that teams return to campus with an action plan that addresses some or all of the above points

The Institute will assist teams of 3-5 faculty and administrators to develop transformative opportunities for Undergraduate Research, Scholarship, and Creativity (URSC) in the arts and humanities. Participants will:

- Create customized plans for their own institutions to enhance URSC in the arts and humanities - in curricula, summer "research" programs, campus symposia, national conferences, and scholarly publications and showcases
- Learn about successful models of URSC developed by and for scholars in the arts and humanities- not simply adapted from the sciences
- Address challenges to student engagement in URSC, such as the need for language skills or other specialized training before beginning scholarly work
- Discover new opportunities for student scholarship in the Digital Humanities, blogs & wikis, designs and compositions, research abroad and in the community, and e-portfolios
- Gain insight into why students mentored in URSC succeed in the areas we value most in the arts and humanities: critical and creative thinking, written and oral communication, intellectual curiosity, and analysis
- Learn how URSC improves retention, especially for students most at-risk academically
- Find out about best practices for mentoring, administering, and funding URSC, particularly in disciplines without external grants available for undergraduate work

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