

VFIC MEMORANDUM

Date: November 20, 2006

To: VFIC College Presidents

cc: Chief Academic Officers
Chief Development Officers

From: Mary-Beth Johnson

Subject: Proposals for 2007 Mednick Fellowships
Deadline – February 23, 2007

The VFIC Mednick Memorial Fellowships Committee is now inviting proposals for 2007 grants. The deadline for receiving proposals is February 23, 2007.

The Maurice L. Mednick Memorial was created in 1967 in honor of a young Norfolk industrialist who died from accidental causes and whose family and business associates wished to perpetuate his name by establishing a memorial that would emphasize his and the donors' strong interest in higher education.

Administration of the Mednick Memorial Fund is vested in the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges to encourage the professional development of college teachers and improve their academic competence through fellowships for research and advanced study.

Information about the Mednick Fellowships and a list of grants awarded last year can be found in the attached 2006 Mednick Memorial Fund report. The committee maintains a flexible policy with regard to the number and size of grants from year to year. We are pleased to announce that approximately \$2,000 will be available for distribution to each college in 2007. There is no assurance that a faculty member from every college will receive a grant, and no requirement that every college must submit a proposal.

Proposals should be developed using the following:

1. Complete the **Mednick Memorial Fellowship 2007 Application form**. (No more than four typed pages, please. This does not include any applicable attachments/resumes/endorsement letter.) Proposal forms can be downloaded from the VFIC website www.vfic.org. A copy of the application is also enclosed for your reference. The six components of the application include: Grantee Contact Information, Narrative, Timeline, Budget, Evaluation, and Attachments.

VFIC MEMORANDUM

November 20, 2006

Page 2

2. Each proposal must be accompanied by a letter of validation from the president or the chief academic officer commenting briefly on the merit of the proposal in terms of the future interests of both the institution and the applicant.
3. Seven copies (this includes the validation letter and application form only) should be mailed to Mary-Beth Johnson – VFIC – 8010 Ridge Road, Suite B – Richmond, VA 23229, and postmarked no later than February 23, 2007. You may send resumes and supporting documents, but one copy is sufficient.
4. It is the obligation of the sponsoring institution to: (1) ensure that funds granted to its applicant are used exclusively in support of the purposes for which the grant was requested and approved, and (2) by May 31, 2008, advise the VFIC of the status of the project for which the grant was made.
5. The committee discourages the submission of more than one proposal from any member college. If multiple proposals are submitted, preferential priority must be assigned to one of the applications by the submitting institution, as it is unlikely that funds will be sufficient to accommodate more than one request. Unless such priority is assigned, the committee will consider no application from that institution.

Grants may be requested to supplement other available research funds. Grants will not be made for any of the following (no exceptions):

- Faculty members engaging in normal course work leading toward a degree
- Stipends or other compensation to be paid to faculty members, students, consultants or other personnel. This also includes clerical and administrative research assistance for the research project (i.e., typing, filing, proofreading, etc.)
- Travel not directly related to the research project
- Tuition and Registration fees
- Purchase of supplies other than for the research project
- Purchase of capital equipment (i.e. computers, laptops, LCD projectors, etc.)

Members of the 2007 Mednick Memorial Fellowship Review Committee include:

Hiter Harris, Chairman - Harris Williams
John W. Bates - McGuire Woods
James Bundschuh - Marymount University
John M. Camp III - Southfield Capital
Nancy O. Gray - Hollins University
William Greer - Virginia Wesleyan College

Thank you for your continued support of the VFIC. We look forward to receiving an outstanding group of proposals for the 2007 Mednick Fellowship Program.

Attachment: 2006 Mednick Fund Report, 2007 Application Form

The Mednick Review Committee awarded research fellowships totaling \$25,025 for the following 15 projects in 2006:

Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges

2006 Mednick Awards

<u>INSTITUTION</u>	<u>PROFESSOR/DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>AMOUNT AWARDED</u>
Bridgewater College	Dr. Paul L. Ewell, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and Business Administration	Survey of Commonalities and Variation in Higher Education Management Programs	\$1,725.00
Emory & Henry College	Dr. Scott M. Boltwood, Associate Professor, Department of English	Research and Archival Work for a W.W. Norton Critical Edition	\$1,725.00
Hampden-Sydney College	Ms. Claire E. Deal, Assistant Professor of Rhetoric	Performing Conviction: Negotiating gender, stigma, and privilege among inmates and college students in Prince Edward County, Virginia	\$1,725.00
Hollins University	Dr. Lori J. Joseph, Assistant Professor, Communication Studies	Home on the Range: Women and Ranching in the West	\$1,725.00
Lynchburg College	Dr. Casey H. Clabough, Assistant Professor of English	Athowominee: Reflections Along an Ancient Path	\$1,725.00
Mary Baldwin College	Mr. Jimmy R. Sconyers, Assistant Professor, Department of Art and Art History	Video in the Visual Arts: Exploring Issues of Community, Communication, and Collaboration	\$1,725.00
Marymount University	Dr. Sharon Guillett, Assistant Professor of Nursing, School of Health Professions	The "Lived Experiences" of RNs with Disabilities	\$1,000.00
Randolph-Macon College	Dr. Traci L. Stevens, Assistant Professor, Department of Biology	A comparison of molecular events triggered by two different isoforms of Bcr-Abl in <i>Drosophila melanogaster</i>	\$1,725.00
Randolph-Macon Woman's College	Dr. John D. Abell, Professor of Economics	Spanish Language Immersion	\$1,725.00
Roanoke College	Dr. Robert A. Willingham, Assistant Professor	Contesting Identities: German Jews in Leipzig	\$1,725.00
Shenandoah University	Dr. Brian J. Wigley, Assistant Professor and Chair, Department of Kinesiology	Papers and Pledges: Wendel Smith, the Black Press and the Re-Integration of Professional Baseball	\$1,725.00
Sweet Briar College	Dr. Deborah L. Durham, Department of Anthropology and Sociology	Aging in a Class-Encounter Zone in Turkey	\$1,725.00
University of Richmond	Dr. Thaddeus M. Williamson, Assistant Professor of Leadership Studies	Constitutional Constraints on Anti-Sprawl Policies in the United States	\$1,600.00
Virginia Wesleyan College	Dr. Angela K. Fournier, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology	An Investigation of the Rehabilitation Needs of Women in Virginia Prisons	\$1,725.00
Washington & Lee University	Dr. Rebecca R. Benefiel, Assistant Professor of Classics	Writing on the Wall: Graffiti in the Basilica of Pompeii	\$1,725.00