

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR DEAN'S SEMINARS

The Dean's Office invites full-time faculty to propose a Dean's Seminar for our freshmen. The seminars have become the cornerstone of a coherent first year experience, that will move us toward the academic excellence which has been identified as a primary goal for undergraduate education in a major research university. The seminars enable students and faculty to engage in critical intellectual inquiry in small groups, as well as to discover the resources of the campus and community of scholars beyond the classroom.

Proposals to be selected should reflect a subject of research or special interest in which you are intensely engaged, as well as pedagogy that will enable you to communicate this passion to first year students. While each Dean's Seminar must offer credit in one of the categories of the General Curriculum Requirements, they should not replicate standard introductory courses. Instead, they should be fresh and innovative in subject and approach.

As in the past, \$2,000 will be awarded to the faculty member for developing a new Dean's Seminar. It will be disbursed during the summer prior to the year in which the seminar is taught. An additional \$1,000 will be added to sponsoring departments' operating funds in the year in which the Dean's seminar is offered. In addition, \$500 will be set aside for each seminar to defray the costs of special events, resources, or other activities directly related to student engagement in the seminar.

To propose a Dean's Seminar please submit a narrative description of the course you propose by email attachment. The proposal should be no more than one page in length; it should include your name, department or program, the GCR category in which it would be placed, the semester to be offered, and a description of special activities intended for students in the course as well as subject(s) or topic(s) to be covered.

Proposals should be sent to Assistant Dean Katherine Keller in the Office of Undergraduate Studies, at [kzkeller@gwu.edu](mailto:kzkeller@gwu.edu) and should arrive no later than December 1 of the year before the seminar will be taught. Notification of successful proposals will be made in January. The Associate and Assistant Deans of Undergraduate Studies determine whether a seminar is accepted and their decision will be based on curricular need and quality of the proposal.

If you have any questions, please contact Assistant Dean Katherine Keller at [kzkeller@gwu.edu](mailto:kzkeller@gwu.edu) or (202) 994-6210.