

# csid Center for the Study of Interdisciplinarity

## Request for Proposals – CSID Roving Professors

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On this occasion, CSID solicits proposals to become a Roving Professor, that is, a professor who “roves” from one class to another, making interdisciplinary connections across the university. CSID seeks to fund up to three roving professors for this spring. The idea is based on a program at the Southern Vermont College, which was detailed in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* (see: <http://www.csid.unt.edu/files/%27Roving%27%20Interdisciplinary%20Professors.pdf>).

A select group of professors — the Rovers — visit multiple classes across the college's five divisions, and each one integrates his or her specialty into each course visited, illustrating how subjects interrelate and how different disciplines are synergistic. Roving differs from team teaching in that it does not occur regularly within a single course over the semester, and the Rover is not a contributor to overall course planning or grading.

UNT Roving Professors will commit to participating in at least two courses outside their own discipline, visiting each course at least twice, during the spring 2010 semester. (Additional courses and/or visits are encouraged.) Rovers are not necessarily expected to lecture, but they must significantly participate in the life of the course and may not simply observe without participating. N.B. — a “course” can include classroom instruction or any other faculty-led student learning experience (e.g., a lab, field work, etc.).

By the end of the semester, Roving Professors will have written a brief (minimum 500 word) account of their experiences, highlighting how they see the interrelation and synergism between the disciplines, differences between students and student expectations, disciplinary ‘culture,’ etc.

In return for their service, CSID Rovers will receive \$1,000 for research expenditures (e.g., books, travel, etc.).

Proposals should describe the proposer’s disciplinary background, departmental affiliation, and the proposer’s particular interest in and experiences with interdisciplinary teaching and learning. Proposals should also include a list of the courses the proposer intends to visit during the spring of 2010, as well as indicate that the instructors of those courses have been contacted and have agreed in principle to allow the Rover to visit. **The deadline for receipt of proposals is January 19, 2010.** Proposals (1 page, 12 point font) should be submitted electronically as an MS Word document to: [csid@unt.edu](mailto:csid@unt.edu).

