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The Office of the Dean for Undergraduate Studies and the Asian American Studies Program are pleased to announce a joint initiative fund for FY12 to promote student/faculty collaborative research in areas related to Asian American studies. Priority consideration will be for projects in three categories:

1) Student research projects overseen by a faculty mentor;

2) Faculty research conducted with the assistance of a student (with money going to the student);

3) Proposals for student leadership and community engagement.

These awards are intended to be above and beyond any funding normally provided by the Asian American Studies Program, and are especially intended to support wider campus community involvement in Asian American areas of study and interest.

Students and/or faculty may submit applications. (Undergraduate and graduate students currently employed or otherwise supported by the Asian American Studies program are not eligible for this competition.) Applications should describe the project, indicate the expected project completion date, provide a budget, and provide two endorsements of the project by faculty, department chair, and/ or dean.

Most awards will be in the $1000-$3000 range. Awards will be given for the FY12 fiscal year (July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012).

Successful applicants will be required to provide a brief description of the project and its results for posting on the AAST/UGST website. They also will be required to participate in a public forum sponsored by AAST/UGST to discuss the results of the initiative at the end of spring semester 2012.

The committee reviewing awards will include Donna Hamilton, Dean for Undergraduate Studies; James Dietz, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies; Larry Shinagawa, Director of Asian American Studies; Lisa Mar, Associate Professor of History and Asian American Studies, and chair of the Asian American Curriculum Committee.

Applications are due to Laura Slavin (lslavin@umd.edu), Assistant to the Dean for Undergraduate Studies, by April 15, 2011. Awards will be announced by May 1, 2011. Questions may be directed to Donna Hamilton (dhamil@umd.edu).