

Request for Interest

2017-2018 American Evaluation Association MSI Faculty Initiative

Deadline: November 28, 2017

Are you a faculty member from a group traditionally under-represented in the applied social sciences? Are you looking for an opportunity to participate in professional development opportunities, expand your professional network, and improve your knowledge and understanding of topics related to evaluation, assessment, and applied research?

The American Evaluation Association (AEA) is now seeking applications from those interested in participating in the 2017-2018 Minority-Serving Institution (MSI) Faculty Initiative. This initiative will bring a cohort of faculty from MSIs together throughout the 2017-2018 academic year and into the fall of 2018 to participate in webinars, the AEA/CDC Summer Evaluation Workshop Series, and the AEA annual conference.

Program Purpose: The overall purpose of the initiative is to increase the participation of evaluators and academics from underrepresented groups in the profession of evaluation and in the American Evaluation Association. The MSI Faculty Initiative identifies this group of potential and practicing evaluators by drawing from faculty at MSIs. The program focuses on:

- Broadening their understanding of evaluation as a profession; and
- Strengthening their knowledge of evaluation theory and methods through workshops, webinars, mentoring and experiential projects.

Program Goals: The goals of the program are to help faculty at MSIs to:

1. enhance the evaluation activities and/or curriculum in their departments or universities;
2. orient students to evaluation as a career/profession;
3. disseminate information about evaluation and AEA to colleagues
4. expand their knowledge of evaluation; and
5. encourage collaborative writing projects that reflect cross-disciplinary ideals.

Program Components: The MSI faculty are required to participate in the following programmatic components (exact dates are subject to change):

- Orientation via webinar/conference call
- Webinar-based Experts Exchange with leaders in teaching evaluation approximately monthly
- Monthly teleconference for reporting on individual initiatives and collaboration, peer support.
- Attendance and participation in the AEA/CDC Summer Evaluation Professional Development Institute
- Participation in both an individual and a group/cohort culminating evaluation exercise

- Webinar-based summer training debrief/focus group after Summer training
- Attendance and participation at AEA's annual conference from October 28 - November 3, 2018 in Cleveland, OH including networking opportunities and specialized training and opportunities for the MSI faculty group as a culminating activity,
- Webinar-based Conference debrief/focus group in late November
- Ongoing access to resources through a specialized webpage
- Ongoing affiliate to the American Evaluation Association
- Ongoing affiliate to an AEA local affiliate if present in the region

Financial Support: The following financial support is provided to those participating in the MSI Faculty Initiative:

- Registration fee waiver to AEA annual conference and workshops
- Registration fee waiver to Summer Evaluation Professional Development Institute
- For those not local to the Cleveland, OH area, airfare and hotel while at the annual conference
- For those not local to the Atlanta area, airfare and hotel while at the Summer Institute professional development series

2017-2018 Eligibility Requirements: To be considered for the AEA MSI Faculty Initiative, applicants must:

1. Be a full-time faculty member at a Minority Serving Institution within the continental United States and Puerto Rico.
2. Have a course assignment that includes the teaching of an evaluation and/or research methods course within one's academic department,
3. Teach in the education, social/behavioral sciences, physical/natural sciences, humanities, or business or non-profit administration,
4. Demonstrate interest (through a written essay) in learning more about evaluation theory, methods, and the profession as well as a commitment to integrating new learning from initiative participation within your class structure,
5. Demonstrate commitment to program participation and completion, including submission of a brief final report on your plans and progress toward enhancing your research and/or evaluation courses.
6. Propose and deliver a final "product" demonstrative of the benefit of participation and contributing to the profession and AEA (e.g. presentation, publication, teaching materials, modules, etc.).
7. Provide a letter of support from the appropriate Department Chair or Dean. This letter should include a statement of understanding the institutional commitment to provide support and mentorship to you as a Fellow during the fellowship year

To Apply: On or before **November 28, 2017**, email a CV and completed Profile and Application Form (attached) to Zachary Grays in the AEA office at zgrays@eval.org with the subject line: MSI Application.

Questions? Please contact Zachary Grays at (202) 367-1166 or zgrays@eval.org

**2017-2018 American Evaluation Association
MSI Faculty Initiative
MSI Participant Profile Information and Application**

Instructions: Please answer all items on this form. Return your completed form and an electronic CV by November 28, 2017 to Zachary Grays at zgrays@eval.org with the subject line: MSI Application. If you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact Denise Roosendaal via email droosendaal@eval.org or by calling the AEA office at 1-888-232-2275.

Participant Name:

Last

First

Initial

Institution: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Position, rank and/or title: _____

Department: _____

Email Address:

Primary Email Address

Secondary Email Address (optional)

Webpage (optional): _____

Telephone Numbers (Please indicate type, e.g. office, home, mobile):

Primary number

Secondary number (optional)

Information About Your Research and/or Evaluation Course(s) Taught:

Name of Course	Course Credit Hours	Undergrad. or Graduate Course	Course Description	Years Taught the Course

1. Are you available and willing to commit to attendance at the AEA/CDC Summer Evaluation Professional Development Institute, to be held over a period of five days in June of 2018? Please note that initiative participants must attend at least four days of the program.

_____ **NO**

_____ **YES**

2. Are you available and willing to commit to attendance at the AEA annual conference from October 28- November 3, 2018? Please note that initiative participants must be in Cleveland, OH by the evening of October 27.

_____ **NO**

_____ **YES**

3. How do you envision this program furthering your personal professional development? (Please append a short essay of not more than 1 page).

4. Please append a short essay of no more than 2 pages that demonstrates your interest in learning more about evaluation theory, methods, and the profession as well as a commitment to integrating new learning from project participation within your class content and professional practice.

5. Please provide a letter of support from your Department Chair or Dean including a commitment to allow your participation in all Initiative Activities and program requirements.