



**The Maguire Center for Ethics & Public Responsibility**  
Invites SMU Faculty to Apply  
for  
Maguire Ethics Center Faculty Incentive Grants

As a university-wide center drawing on – and bringing together – expertise in the field of ethics from across the campus, the Maguire Ethics Center wants to support two of the central purposes of the university as stated in the Centennial Strategic Plan:

- Improve teaching and learning
- Support and sustain student development and quality of life

**Therefore, the Maguire Ethics Center is launching the Maguire Ethics Center Faculty Incentive Grant Program.** The goals of this four year program are to 1) enhance existing ethics courses, 2) develop new ethics courses, 3) develop a research ethics seminar for students and staff participating in federal grant research, and 4) increase faculty publications and research related to ethics. Our hope is that this program will drive the discussion, reflection and application of ethical standards across all disciplines and among students and faculty.

The first round of faculty incentive grants (to be awarded in May 2013) are designed to provide resources to faculty to enhance and innovate their existing ethics courses. The Maguire Ethics Center is especially interested in supporting courses that will qualify for the **Philosophical and Religious Inquiry and Ethics Pillar** and is similarly interested in supporting courses that assist a department in meeting accreditation standards within their respective disciplines. **Faculty members who wish to add ethics courses or modules to current courses in order to meet accreditation standards are also invited to apply.**

#### **Awards**

Our goal is to award **10 grants of \$5,000** this spring. The resulting courses can be offered as early as Spring 2013, but no later than the 2014-2015 academic year. They also must be offered in two of the following three years. The course may be submitted as part of the “Philosophical and Religious Inquiry and Ethics” pillar, though that is not required. All proposals must include Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs). It is the responsibility of the faculty member to ensure that courses comply with university policies and procedures.

## Procedure

Grant requests must be submitted to the Maguire Ethics Center Box 316 by **March 20, 2013**. Proposals must include the course title, the faculty member's name and Department, and the phrase "Ethics Course Enhancement Grant." A committee will review and rank the proposals. Grants will be announced by the end of the spring semester. The proposal should include:

- current course number, title, catalog description and anticipated format (core, seminar);
- current course objectives and revised course objectives;
- statement explaining the significance of the revisions and enhancements and how the grant will impact the curriculum and/or accreditation standards;
- the faculty member's current c.v.;
- time frames for developing the syllabus and teaching the course; and
- a letter of support from the department chair that states that this course, once developed and approved through the usual processes established by your department and/or the university, will be offered in two of the following three academic years.

**University Course Approval.** After this initial proposal is granted and the course is developed, the course must also be approved through the normative process for course approvals, which typically gets the approval of a department, chair, and appropriate committee or council from the faculty member's college. Course proposals should follow the form required by that faculty member's college, and must include a statement of goals and student learning objectives (SLOs). It is the responsibility of the faculty member to ensure that courses comply with university policies and procedures.

**Dispersal of Grants:** The grants will be dispersed in May 2013. Payments may be made to a faculty member's research account or added to their regular paycheck as extra compensation, as the faculty member chooses.

**Submission:** Applications should be submitted to Director of the Maguire Center for Ethics & Public Responsibility, Dr. Rita Kirk (Campus Mail Box 316). Applicants are welcome to discuss ideas for proposal with Kirk to learn how their interests may contribute to our goal as stated by President Turner in his inaugural address: SMU graduates should *"be qualified and comfortable in addressing the difficult but crucial ethical issues at the foundation of interpersonal, business, and group behavior."*

**Final Submission.** Awardees will submit the complete syllabus in accordance with time frames contained in the proposal. In the process of developing their syllabi, faculty members should determine, in consultation with their respective dean and chair, the scheduling of the first class.