Dean's Research Incentive Course Release (DRICR)

The purpose of this program is to provide faculty members with time in which to design and write a high-quality grant proposal. This program provides one course release for one semester. During this time, the faculty member will write a proposal to submit to a research grant competition run by a foundation, federal agency, or other sponsor. The DRICR will fund the development of large and complex proposals. In 2022-23, the Dean's office will select up to two recipients of the DRICR for a course release in the 2022-23 academic year. Faculty who already have a course release for 2022-23 are not eligible for this award.

Deliverables:

By the conclusion of the semester of the course release, the DRICR recipient will submit:
1) A full draft of the proposal that aligns with the specifications of the target sponsor and competition.
2) A plan for completing and submitting the full application package by the competition due date.

Application:

Please submit an application that includes 1) a narrative responding to the following questions and 2) a CV.

In no longer than 1000 words:
1) Provide a tentative description of the study you intend to propose, the problem it addresses, and how its findings will advance its particular field.
2) Identify the target sponsor and competition for this proposal. ***Competition due date must be no later than September 1, 2023.*** Explain why your proposal will be well-suited to this sponsor and competition.
3) What have you already accomplished in preparing to submit this grant proposal?
4) How would you use the course buyout to develop your proposal?
5) Present a timeline of action steps from the start of the semester in which you propose to take the course release to the date of the final proposal submission to the sponsor.
6) Have you communicated with your department head regarding your interest in obtaining this course buyout?

Applications should be submitted to Marci Lombardo at marci.lombardo@uconn.edu by 5pm on April 22, 2022.