Call for Nominations: Distinguished Scientist and Engineer Seminar Series 2018-19

In our ongoing commitment to foster diversity within the College of Natural Sciences, the Dean's office, in collaboration with the College of Engineering, is launching a new initiative—called The Distinguished Scientist and Engineer Seminar Series—to showcase the work of accomplished faculty from underrepresented groups.

To kickoff this new seminar series, the CNS Equity and Inclusion Initiative invites UMass faculty to nominate scientists and engineers from underrepresented groups to visit campus. The visitor will give a research presentation of broad interest to the STEM community at UMass and lead a second workshop to share their personal perspective on navigating an academic career.

About the Distinguished Scientist and Engineer Seminar Series:

- Any faculty member(s) of CNS or COE may submit a nomination.
- The invited visitor should be well known in their field for their research accomplishments and of interest to faculty and students from multiple departments.
- Nominees should belong to an underrepresented group or groups (e.g., racial and ethnic minority, LGBT, women, differently abled).
- The college(s) will provide up to $2500 each for 2-3 visitors per year. Funding will include an honorarium, travel and event hosting and promotion costs.

Please include the following in your nomination:

1. The name, department, web link, and contact information of the proposed visitor.
2. Answers to the following (~2 pages/double spaced maximum):
   a. What are their research and scientific accomplishments?
   b. Why is their science of interest to your group and possibly, the larger STEM community on campus? Who would be interested in hearing this speaker?
   c. What are some professional development reasons for bringing this scientist/engineer on-campus? (e.g., their reputation for mentoring, inspirational speaker, potential networks, etc.)
3. Contact information of the faculty member(s) nominating this potential visitor. The nominators will be extending the invitation in collaboration with the Dean's office.
4. Contact information of the person who will be responsible for coordinating the visit.
5. Estimated budget and the anticipated semester of the invited speaker's visit.

Deadline: Proposals are due by July 1, 2018 for visits during 2018-2019.
To apply: Submit your application as a single pdf. document to Amanda Leigh Hawkins – alex@cns.umass.edu

Notification and Next steps:

- Notification of the decision will be on July 15, 2018.
- Invitations to the visitors will be extended by Dean Serio and the faculty nominators.
- The Dean's office will work with the faculty team and coordinator to host the scientist.

For information go to www.umass.edu/cns and for questions, please contact Buju Dasgupta, CNS Director of Faculty Equity and Inclusion, dasgupta@psych.umass.edu, or Wendy Varner, CNS Director of Faculty Development, wvarner@cns.umass.edu.