

Dear Faculty,

I am pleased to announce a series of efforts to engage and support Pratt's educational community in creating innovative ways to bring environmental awareness to our students. Through seed money provided by the FIPSE grant, Pratt has established the Center for Sustainable Design Studies (CSDS) a new resource for faculty and students. Beginning right now, we want to support our faculty's efforts to learn about the principles of sustainability, support our faculty to develop inter-disciplinary programs that focus on sustainable outcomes and create initiatives that will establish Pratt as a role model of Art and Design schools nationwide.

To do this CSDS is providing funds to each school. "**CSDS Faculty Development Stipends**" will be awarded to faculty for research and course development. CSDS will also be supporting the development of "**CSDS Creative Clusters**" for faculty who wish to cultivate new inter-disciplinary courses and projects. We are also soliciting proposals for the **CSDS "Living Lab"** where the greening of our facilities can be used as a testing ground for academic programming; where students and faculty work together to create new initiatives on our campus.

CSDS Faculty Development Stipends are available through application through your department chair. These awards are to support research, conferences, and activities that will help faculty integrate sustainable principles into existing courses. (For example adding a unit on sustainability in the design history class "Concepts of Design".) This years stipends range from \$1000 to \$3000. The application requires a brief statement of intent along with a copy of your current syllabus. Please contact your department chair or debjohnson@pratt.edu for more information. You can also download an application form from the provost's page on the Pratt website. http://www.pratt.edu/office_of_the_provost/

Deadline for applications is Monday, August 4th, 2008.

CSDS Creative Cluster Stipends are another resource for our faculty. Awards range from \$2000 to \$4000. These awards will support workshops, lectures and the development of courses and projects that include faculty from different departments. These projects may also include partnerships with other institutions. These stipends are to support NEW courses and initiatives. (For example a course that will develop a vehicle to tour the city and educate communities about the environment.) The application process is simple; email a brief statement of intent to csds@pratt.edu or call Deb Johnson at 718 636 3690.

Stipend requests for 2008 will be accepted until August 18th, 2008.

CSDS Living Lab Stipends will support Faculty in integrating facilities and academic initiatives through the development of ideas for greening Pratt's campus. (For example the proposal to find ways to "Improve Bicycle Use on Campus".) These stipends range from \$500 to \$2,000. This stipend is to support a written /visual proposal. CSDS will work with the faculty to realize administrative support and funding for the project. Email a brief statement of intent to csds@pratt.edu or call Deb Johnson at 718 636 3690 or Tony Gelber 917 750 6314.

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The CSDS is a new resource at Pratt that is here to support you. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity by encouraging your faculty to apply for one of these stipends.