

# PROJECT NExT (New Experiences in Teaching)

## INFORMATION FOR CHAIR'S STATEMENT

Dear Department Chair or Head (or Dean):

Project NExT (New Experiences in Teaching) is a professional development program for new or recent Ph.D.s in the mathematical sciences (including pure and applied mathematics, statistics, operations research, and mathematics education). It addresses all aspects of an academic career: improving the teaching and learning of mathematics, engaging in research and scholarship, and participating in professional activities. Participants will need the opportunity to implement new curricula and alternative teaching techniques in the classroom. We are also interested in the applicant's potential impact on the department as a whole.

There is no fee for participation in Project NExT itself. Funding for room and board at the two-and-one-half-day Workshop before the Mathfest in Madison, WI, will be provided; participants also do not have to pay for the special short courses organized by Project NExT during the summer Mathfest. Institutions employing the Project NExT Fellows are expected to provide all other expenses associated with the meetings. These include: transportation to Madison; room and board during the Madison Mathfest itself (July 31 - August 2, 2008); registration for the Madison Mathfest; and travel, room and board, and registration for the Joint Mathematics Meetings in Washington, DC (January 5 - 8, 2009), and for a one-day workshop and the MAA Mathfest immediately afterwards in Portland, OR (August 5 - 8, 2009). Depending on transportation costs, we estimate that the total institutional commitment is probably about \$3000 per Fellow. Assurances of institutional support are of critical importance in the application process. For the last eight years, all of those accepted as Fellows had full financial support from their institutions. For further information about costs, check the FAQs on the Project NExT website, <<http://archives.math.utk.edu/projnext/applicantfaq.html>>.

In a letter, please describe how the applicant's participation in Project NExT will contribute to your department's goals and describe the financial support your institution will provide. This support may come from such sources as department and college funds, grants, or start-up funds for new faculty. In describing your institution's financial support, please be as specific as you can. For example, you might tally the total expenses for a Fellow from your institution and commit a specific dollar amount, or you might simply indicate that all expenses will be covered. If you would like to see a copy of last year's Workshop program, one may be found on the Project NExT website, at <[http://archives.math.utk.edu/projnext/forms\\_current/prevprog.pdf](http://archives.math.utk.edu/projnext/forms_current/prevprog.pdf)>.

Thank you for your willingness to support your new faculty in this exciting program.

**We must receive your letter on or before Friday, April 18, 2008.** In 2008, we will be accepting applications in two formats: hard copy and online. If your faculty member is applying in hard copy, please send **four hard copies** of your letter to:

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[If your faculty member is applying *online*, please submit your letter electronically; instructions will be e-mailed to you once your faculty member has applied.]

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