



COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Illinois State University

Amar Kamath Faculty Innovation Award, 2013

The Amar Kamath Faculty Innovation Award is sustained through the generous support of Amar Kamath, a 1997 MBA graduate of the College of Business. He is currently Vice President of Marketing at Bioreferences Laboratories based in New Jersey. The award is designed to annually recognize and support a College of Business faculty member who demonstrates innovation both in the approach to teaching and in the content being delivered. Specific content areas related to business that are recognized for potential support include: social media, biotechnology, cloud computing, genomics and personalized medicine, renewable energy, and environmental sustainability. These topics may naturally evolve over time as new breakthroughs occur. The first recipient of this prestigious award was selected in 2012.

Process issues for the Amar Kamath Faculty Innovation Award include:

- The award will be made annually.
- The award is non-renewable and will therefore be open to a different faculty member each year. However, a faculty member who receives the award may reapply after a two year period.
- Deadline for applications is April 1 to the Dean's Office.
- The award carries a \$3,750 stipend that may be paid through a combination of salary (taxable) or operating funds (non-taxable) as determined by the recipient.
- The selection process will be coordinated by the Dean in consultation with the COB Human Resource Development Team and the COB Leadership Team.

Qualifications for the Amar Kamath Faculty Innovation Award include:

- All tenure track or tenured professors in the College of Business are eligible who have served in the College of Business for at least two years prior to application.
- Demonstrated innovation in both the approach to teaching and in the content being delivered. It is assumed that the content is informed by intellectual contributions.
- Topics that are focused on the intent of the award currently include: social media, biotechnology, cloud computing, genomics and personalized medicine, renewable energy, and environmental sustainability. Related topics will also be considered.

Applications materials for the Amar Kamath Faculty Innovation Award include:

- A 3 page letter by the applicant describing and detailing 1) why they are deserving of the award, 2) why the topic of their teaching and their approach to teaching of the content (informed by intellectual contributions) is innovative, and 3) how this topic of their teaching will positively affect current students and their future employers.
- A copy of an updated SEDONA resume.

Expectations for the role of the Amar Kamath Faculty Innovation Award

- Serve as a mentor to enhance innovation in teaching, both in delivery and in content that is informed by intellectual contributions.
- Serve as a resource for building the recognition and prestige associated with the role of the Amar Kamath Faculty Innovation Award at Illinois State University.
- Make one public presentation/lecture within one year of receiving the Amar Kamath Faculty Innovation Award. The topic of the public presentation will be related to the innovative teaching topic submitted in the application for the award.