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FROM: Freeman Hrabowski, President  
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TO: The UMBC Community

RE: Call for proposals for the Hrabowski Fund for Academic Innovation Competition

Dear Colleagues,

We are delighted to announce the inaugural call for proposals for the Hrabowski Fund for Academic Innovation Competition.

For Academic Year 2013-2014, a total of approximately \$100,000 will be available through this competition to support initiatives to enhance teaching and learning at UMBC, with specific emphasis on innovative approaches to increase the success of our undergraduate and graduate students. Such approaches may include, but are not limited to, redesign of courses or other learning experiences, innovative course and/or curriculum development, and other projects designed to improve or understand student-learning outcomes at UMBC. (Proposals that deal exclusively or primarily with content revision to courses or curricula are not appropriate to this competition.)

The competition is open to all tenured and tenure-track faculty, clinical instructional faculty, and lecturers and instructors with full-time appointments. Proposals for funding may be made by individuals or by collaborative groups. The Faculty Development Center is available to work with faculty as they develop their ideas for projects.

Applications will be reviewed twice every year. For the AY13-14 competition, proposal deadlines are October 5, 2012 and February 8, 2013.

Working with the Provost's Office, Dr. Linda Hodges, Director of the Faculty Development Center, will coordinate the competition. The detailed request for proposals, instructions for submission, and required forms for the application are attached.