



## **N E W S M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Education Reporters/News and Assignment Editors

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**SUBJECT:** Teacher Creativity Fellowship Program, 2001

Lilly Endowment Inc. is announcing that it is inviting applicants to compete in the Teacher Creativity Fellowship Program. This marks the 14<sup>th</sup> year for the program, which since 1987 has awarded fellowships to 1,030 Indiana educators. The individual grants are for \$7,500, and the grant period extends through the fall of 2001, even though the bulk of the work takes place in the summer.

Because almost every experienced public school teacher in your area is eligible to compete for the fellowships, we hope you will use this announcement. The summer program gives Indiana public school teachers a chance to pursue a self-designed project for personal and professional renewal.

Eligible applicants for the fellowships include classroom teachers, guidance counselors, resource teachers and library/media specialists involved with grades kindergarten through 12. Also, eligible applicants must have at least three years' experience. Awards are reserved for faculty who have not previously received the fellowship and who intend to teach in Indiana during the 2001–2002 school year. Teachers may apply either as individuals or in collaborative groups.

Fellowship recipients will pursue a project of their own design for six weeks next summer (the extended grant period allows for follow-up work during the fall). A panel of out-of-state judges, including distinguished teachers, administrators and education professors, will judge the applications.

The Endowment is mailing information about the program to every Indiana public school superintendent and principal. Teachers interested in applying for the 2001 fellowship should ask their school principals for application instructions. The postmark deadline for proposals is Jan. 3, 2001, and the Endowment will announce the awards in March.