Call for Applications for SPACE Instructional Development Awards

SPACE invites applications from faculty at four-year colleges and universities for instructional development awards to fund (up to $1500 of verified expenses) program activities for spatial thinking in undergraduate social science education:

− Present a conference paper about teaching spatial thinking at the undergraduate level in the social sciences.
− Participate in a workshop or training program on uses of spatial analysis/GIS software (e.g., a GIS vendor workshop, GeoDa workshop with Luc Anselin).
− Participate in a professional workshop dedicated to instruction and student learning of spatial analysis concepts and technology.

Prior SPACE workshop participants (2004 through 2007) may apply. Please submit:

− Evidence of achievement in meeting instructional goals to implement spatial approaches in your undergraduate course(s) or programs.
  Examples might include a new syllabus, curriculum development or assessment resources, superb examples of a student course projects, and efforts to enhance the diversity of students who benefit from spatial perspectives. Please specify how your instructional development initiatives have benefited the advancement of spatial perspectives in undergraduate education.

− A statement of how the SPACE workshop inspired and / or supported your achievement.
− Commitment to prepare a short case study or example of your achievement for posting on the SPACE website.
− A description of how you would use the expense allocation of up to $1500 to enhance your instruction of spatial approaches or to help in the dissemination of spatial methodologies to students and colleagues. An application should include a budget.

Examples of instructional achievements and web resources developed by SPACE Instructional Development Award recipients may be viewed at http://www.csiss.org/SPACE/materials/participants/

Please send your proposals by 1 November 2008 to:

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This will be the final opportunity for applying for SPACE awards. The SPACE program will formally end on 30 March 2009. Award accounts not cleared through UCSB by 30 March 2009 will be forfeited and funds will be returned to the National Science Foundation.