Applications can be turned in electronically to dhalper@iwu.edu beginning on November 1. The selection committee will begin reviewing applications immediately and will deliberate until two first-rate candidates have been reviewed. Absolute deadline for applications: November 14, 2011.

Each application must be submitted electronically. To be considered complete, each application must include:

1. a letter describing the action research project to be pursued. The project need not be among the projects already developed by ARC, but these can serve as a model. Letters of reference from community partners will be accepted in support of applications. Original projects that make connections between communities in Central Illinois and the global community will also be considered.

2. An action plan detailing the goals, objectives, tasks, and resources required to accomplish the project.

3. A detailed budget that specifies how and when the stipend money will be spent.

4. A resume highlighting previous experience managing projects in the community.

Selection of applicants will be based on the following criteria:

1. The overall quality of the letter, plan, and budget.
2. The project’s use of a community-based action research methodology.
3. The potential for the project to connect IWU with off-campus communities.

Questions concerning the Weir Fellows program should be addressed to Jim Simeone, Jim Sikora, or Deborah Halperin.