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Tommy Thompson Center on Public Leadership to Fund Faculty Research and Speakers on Improving Independence for the Disabled and Other Topics

MADISON— Today, the Tommy G. Thompson Center on Public Leadership announced that it will provide faculty grants and fund speakers across the UW-System to address three topics: improving independence for Wisconsin’s disabled population; enhancing Wisconsin’s role in the development of biomedical technology; and reforming Wisconsin’s energy sources.

The Center has called for grant applications from scholars across the UW-System to conduct research on these topics. In line with the Wisconsin Idea, the Center has allocated up to \$500,000 for faculty to research these areas in order to benefit the state more broadly with the results.

“We want faculty throughout the UW-System to apply for grants and to research these important topics,” said Director Ryan Owens. “They’re all critically important to the future of this state. Helping our disabled population become more independent would be a godsend to many of them and their families. Keeping Wisconsin at the forefront of biomedical technology will also have important positive effects on our state. And reforming Wisconsin’s energy sources by enhancing Wisconsin technologies is the right thing to do.”

The Center also sent out a call for applications to UW-System schools to hold speaking events. Faculty, departments, and student organizations at any UW-system school *outside* of UW-Madison (where the Center is based and holds other planned events) may apply for speaker grants. The Center has allocated total of \$500,000 to support these efforts. While speakers on the topics mentioned above will be given some measure of priority, the Center would also be pleased to entertain applications utilizing expert speakers on topics outside those discussed above. The Center’s goal is to fund high quality speakers who can drive important conversations in Wisconsin.

“We earnestly want UW-System schools to apply for these speaker grants,” Owens declared. “They can use the money to bring in highly influential speakers on these issues and expose their students to some of the top thinkers in these areas.”

For more details on upcoming events—and to register for events—please visit the Thompson Center website at <https://thompsoncenter.wisc.edu>

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