UMII Faculty in Industry Fellowship

The goal of the UMII Faculty in Industry Fellowship is to enable faculty to build a strong partnership with businesses, NGOs, agencies, and other organizations in Minnesota to develop long-term projects or initiatives that address challenges of critical societal need at the interface of informatics and an application area. The fellowship provides summer salary of up to two months to University of Minnesota faculty who arranged for spending time in industry during the summer of 2014. It is expected that up to twelve faculty will receive funding with two thirds of the funds dedicated to MnDRIVE themes.

Eligibility Requirements
Applicants must hold a regular (salaried) faculty appointment at the University of Minnesota.

Nomination and Selection Process
Candidates must be nominated by their unit heads/chairs. All materials, including letters of support, must be submitted by the applicant’s academic unit electronically in a single pdf to neuha001@umn.edu no later than March 31, 2014. The application must contain the following components:

- A letter from the nominating unit head/chair describing the applicant’s qualifications and the expected impact of the fellowship on the applicant’s research career and the broader mission of the college/campus or University.
- A statement of up to two pages written by the applicant describing the summer activities and how they will meet the goals of the fellowship and how activities will be sustained after the summer
- A supporting letter from the organization where the applicant plans to visit. The letter must describe the organization’s expectations on the long-term impact of the visit and the logistics of the visit, such as availability of office space, basic support, etc.
- Completed Value Matrix
- A budget with budget justification for the requested summer salary and fringe. The justification must include the amount of time the applicant plans to spend at the organization.
- Nominations are reviewed and candidates are selected by a selection committee representing the diversity of submissions.

Terms of Awards
UMII Faculty in Industry Fellowships are awarded for up to two months, commensurate with the time spent on the proposed activity, during Summer 2014 (May 26, 2014 to August 24, 2014). By accepting this fellowship, the recipient agrees to remain at the University of Minnesota for the duration of the award plus one additional year. If this requirement is not met, the recipient will be required to pay back the value of the award.

Reporting Requirements
The Fellow must submit a brief report on his/her activities no later than September 30, 2014, and a follow-up report no later than May 24, 2015 with an account of the impact of this fellowship on the recipient’s research.

UMII strongly encourages the nomination of qualified women and minority candidates.