

David Scupham: Fossil Hominid Skull Reproductions
Awarded \$1,000

This proposal requests \$1,000, which will partially fund the purchase of ten museum quality reproductions of fossil hominid skulls. The Biology Department will match the remaining cost of the purchase from departmental gifts. The fossil hominid skull reproductions will be used in the teaching of human evolution, and the robustness of evolution as the central organizing principle of biology will be clearly demonstrated. Five different courses offered by the Biology Department will use the skulls in lecture or laboratory, impacting more than 300 students per year. When used carefully, the lifetime of these skull reproductions should easily exceed thirty years.