

Student Learning Improvement Grant

Spring 2014

The administration is committed to the success of students and student learning. Developing innovative curriculum, teaching strategies or educational support services will help students realize their potential and fulfill their dreams. To support this effort, President Donohue has established a mini grant program to fund proposals that will foster student success and learning. The program is funded by the College Foundation through the Annual Giving Campaign.

Fifteen-thousand dollars have been made available to support this initiative.

Proposals will be judged by Dr. Donohue and the Executive Team and an award of monies made according to the following criteria:

1. Statement of the Problem – The proposal must delineate the problem -- while identifying possible solutions -- as it relates to current educational practices and strategies.
Evaluators' Rating 1 2 3 4 5
2. Knowledge of the topic – The applicant must demonstrate an understanding of the contemporary issues as they relate to the proposal.
Evaluators' Rating 1 2 3 4 5
3. Innovation – The proposal must include “out-of- the box” thinking. Special consideration will be given to interdivisional projects, interdisciplinary curriculum designs and, or, innovative use of technologies including social media.
Evaluators' Rating 1 2 3 4 5
4. Quality of the proposal – The proposal must be neat, succinct and well written. The proposal must not be more than 1 ½ pages.
Evaluators' Rating 1 2 3 4 5
5. Assessment – The proposal must have a clear assessment design. An understanding of the intended learning objectives and assessment methodology is required.
Evaluators' Rating 1 2 3 4 5
6. Sustainability -- The ability for the college to support and sustain the initiative is critical.

Evaluators' Rating 1 2 3 4 5

Overall Rating 1 2 3 4 5

Funding Categories

Individual proposal	\$2,500
Duo Partnerships	\$5,000
Team (5 or more)	\$10,000

Proposal Guidelines: Applicants must submit their proposals to the **Office of Academic Affairs by 5:00 pm, Wednesday, April 30, 2014**. Winners will be announced at the College Assembly/Employee Recognition in May of 2014. The grants are designed to support demonstration projects with a strong likelihood for success and sustainability. The award amounts will be issued in two installments: Half will be available upon commencement of the project; and, half will be issued upon completion of the project. Unless otherwise agreed to and approved by the VPAA, projects must be completed no later than Friday, December 12th, 2014.

(The money can be used to compensate for time in development, research and implementation and, or, the purchase of equipment.) All proposals must include a proposed budget.

These monies are being awarded as an incentive to support projects of significant innovation, complexity, breadth and depth leading to substantial change in the way we educate and/or support our students in their quest for success.