



Summer 2016 Pedagogical Innovation Mini-Grant

This summer are you planning to...

- ... design or redesign an existing course?*
- ... develop a new teaching method?*
- ... investigate the impact of a new course or teaching method on student learning?*
- ... integrate technology into your teaching to enhance student learning?*

*Funding your
innovations!*

The Center for Academic Excellence welcomes applications for Summer 2016 Pedagogical Innovation Mini-Grants. These Mini-Grants are intended to support faculty as they innovate in teaching and learning through evidence-based projects. The purpose is to:

- Promote and recognize innovation in teaching and learning
- Share innovative practices at Fairfield University
- Enhance the learning experiences of Fairfield University students
- Assess the effectiveness courses and methods on learning

Deadline to submit: Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Eligibility: Grants are available to full-time faculty, and part-time faculty (must have taught at least 6 semesters or 3-years at Fairfield University) that have previously participated in a CAE Course Design Institute (CDI) or scheduled to participate in multiple upcoming CAE offerings.

Grant period: The grant award period is summer 2016, with the innovation being implemented in Fall 2016 or Spring 2017. Consultations with the CAE can continue from Summer 2016 through the 2016 – 2017 academic year, as needed.

Expectations: Mini-Grant recipients will be expected to: 1) consult with CAE staff on their project; 2) measure the effectiveness of their innovation; 3) submit a brief report of work done; and 4) share what they learned with Fairfield University community (e.g., by contributing to the CAE newsletter and/or website, presenting at a CAE-sponsored event) and are encouraged to share with the broader community (including but not limited to: submitting an article for publication, presenting at a disciplinary or pedagogical conference).

Eligible Project Expenses: Funds may be used for professional development and/or the purchase of equipment or materials that enhance teaching effectiveness and student engagement that would not otherwise be provided by another entity on campus. Examples of expenses may include: tablet Apps, books or materials on particular pedagogies related to the pedagogical innovation, upgraded subscription to otherwise free cloud-based tools for use in teaching, external pedagogical professional development institute or pedagogical workshop registration. Funds may not be used for stipends or payment to students, faculty, or staff, or for travel.

Application Process: Please submit your complete application proposal (answering all questions outlined on page 2) as an attachment via email to the CAE at cae@fairfield.edu, email subject: "Pedagogical Mini-Grant Application 2016" by Tuesday, May 24, 2016. If you wish you schedule a CAE consultation before submitting your proposal, please contact the CAE at cae@fairfield.edu.

Selection criteria: Proposals will be reviewed for clarity, articulation of goals driving the project, feasibility, connection to the evidence-based practice literature, articulation of assessment plan and project impact, and resources needed to support the project.

Application 2016 – Summer Pedagogical Innovation Mini-Grant

Applicant Information

Name:

College / School:

Department:

Course Design Institute participation:

What course(s) are you planning to enhance with this mini-grant?

When will you next teach the course?

Project Information

1. Title of Proposed Innovative Project

2. Project Goals & Description – Your proposed Innovative Project as informed by the literature.

Indicate your project goals. Please briefly describe the specifics of your pedagogical innovation project. How is your project informed by the teaching & learning literature? Please reference the literature that supports your proposed pedagogical methods (and include a bibliography).

3. Need for the Project

Discuss the “whys” of this your project – why is it needed? And why do you want to do this innovative project at this time?

4. Intended Outcomes / Impact on Students

Describe the impact you believe your pedagogical project will have on student learning outcomes and/or student engagement. Please include information on students (number, discipline, year of study) whose learning will be impacted by your project.

5. Project Plan – Activities, Assessment, and Dissemination

Please provide a project plan – including what project activities you will do and when.

Please include a plan to assess your project outcomes and its impact on student learning.

Indicate ways in which you will share your results with the Fairfield University community and beyond.

6. Project Budget

Please provide an itemized budget, listing specific items (up to \$500 total) you believe necessary to the success of your innovative project. Please indicate if this project is being funded by other sources.

7. Additional information

Please include any additional information that would be helpful to the selection committee as we review your proposal.

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