INNOVATION FUNDING

Innovation: Addressing a current need or creating something new that has value for students and the College as a whole.

In accordance with Article II.B.16 of the 2017-2020 Faculty Association Agreement, the Innovation Committee is established to evaluate requests for funding to support faculty innovation in the classroom, professional development experiences and initiatives that support areas of focus to move the college forward. Total funding available to be awarded annually will be determined as part of the College budget process. The Committee has established the following guidelines for funding requests and we are ready to begin accepting applications. At this time, the Committee is accepting applications for the 2018-2019 academic year, including summer.

1) All applications for innovation funding will be considered. Applications that address the following priority areas of focus are encouraged for the current funding cycle:
    a. Open Educational Resources (OERs)
    b. Enhanced Critical Thinking/Reasoning
    c. Online Learning
2) Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. Applications received by the Committee will be reviewed each semester as follows. Additional dates may be scheduled if needed.
    a. September – following last business day in August
    b. October – following fall mid-term date
    c. December – prior to semester exams
    d. February – following last business day in January
    e. March – following spring mid-term date
    f. May – prior to semester exams
3) Applicants will be asked to note in the application their interest in meeting with the Committee, prior to Committee deliberation, in order to provide additional support for the proposed initiative.
4) Applications will be reviewed and prioritize for approval as follows in alignment with information requested in the application.

Criterion	0-3 Low	4-7 Ave	8-10 High
Level of innovation (Q3)			
Addresses priority area(s) of focus (Q4)			
Potential value to students (Q5)			
Potential value to College (Q6)			
Intended use of outcome (Q7)			
Feasibility (Q8, Q9, Q10)			
TOTAL SCORE			

5) The Committee may approve a maximum of $4,000 of innovation funding per academic year to each faculty member including funding payable by ECH for course innovation and by stipend for professional development and other innovative initiatives.
6) If the Committee approves a lesser amount than requested in the application, rationale will be provided to the applicant.
7) Applicants will be notified regarding approval of their request in writing immediately following committee review.
8) Funded applicants will submit a written report of compliance to the Innovation Committee at the completion of the project.
9) Applications will be accepted through the online link provided. Once started, the application can't be saved. If necessary, copy and paste longer answers from elsewhere into this form.

If questions, please contact any members of the 2018-2019 Innovation Committee Members: Jon Althaus, Bryan Gleckler, Sarah Hill, Brenda Hunzinger, Katie Lotz, Tina Stovall

FACULTY APPLICATION FOR INNOVATION FUNDING

APPLICANT NAME:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

QUESTIONS:

Q1. This request is for funding to support innovation in the following area:

_____ Innovation in the Classroom
_____ Professional Development Experience
_____ Initiative to Move the College Forward

Q2. Title of initiative

Q3. State the purpose and provide a description of the initiative for which you are seeking funding. Describe how the initiative will enhance innovation.

Q4. If applicable, describe how the initiative supports the Committee's priority areas of focus (Open Educational Resources (OERs), Enhanced Critical Thinking/Reasoning, Online Learning).

Q5. Describe the potential value to students and identify the student group that will be impacted. (for example, specific impact on student learning, student retention and success, student cost savings, etc.)

Q6. Describe the potential value to the College. (for example, process improvements, cost savings, enrollment increases, community engagement, etc.)

Q7. Describe how you will use the outcomes of this initiative.

Q8. Provide a timeline for planning and implementation.

Q9. Provide detailed explanation of the following:

For innovation in the classroom (note payment will be in accordance with Article II.B.16.a. and b.:
- Development period (before implementation date)
- Semester course will be implemented
- Course title & number of sections implementing the innovation per semester
- Number of semesters innovative course will be implemented

For professional development experience, include the following and provide total estimated expenditures:
- Registration fees
- Travel – Car Mileage/Other (specify)
- Lodging - # of nights and cost
- Conference dates, location, website
- Meals
- Incidentals
- Departmental funds available
- Total funds requested

For other initiatives to move the College forward:
- All costs involved in initiative (including justification for requested amount)
- Departmental funds available
- Total funds requested

Q10. Describe additional College resources needed to support the initiative (ISS support, marketing, academic advising, etc.) and any communication you have had with those departments.

Q11. Would you like to meet with the Innovation Committee to provide additional support for your proposal prior to their deliberation of your submission?

After submitting the online form, a copy of your application will be sent to you via email. Please provide a copy of that email to your supervisor.

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