

Teaching and Learning Enhancement Grants

The Teaching and Learning Enhancement Grants have not been offered since 2018/2019.

The Centre for Teaching and Learning (CTL) welcomes submissions for the Teaching and Learning Enhancement Grants. Grants fund innovative research projects that focus on aspects of teaching in higher education. Projects could include, but are not limited to, course or program design, assessment techniques, teaching strategies, technology, or creating new active learning opportunities aimed at increasing student engagement.

Applicants are invited to submit well defined proposals that will demonstrably enhance teaching and learning. The selection committee will look favourably upon proposals that will advance the recommendations of the Teaching and Learning Action Plan and may be transferable to other individuals or units. Award winners will be expected to share the outcomes of their research with the university community and are expected to submit a final report of their activities to the CTL.

Winning proposals could be funded up to a maximum of \$7000 of the total of \$30,000 that is available. Successful candidates will also have the opportunity to consult with an Educational Developer and IT Services support about their project. Each applicant is awarded only one grant per calendar year. Awards are meant to be one-time seed money for projects. Applicants will not receive on-going funding or repeated funding for one individual project.

Eligibility

Proposals are encouraged from any individual working in a role that directly supports teaching and learning at Queen's University.

Proposal Content

1. Proposals must address the following points in up to a maximum of five (5) pages.
2. Applicant's name, appointment, and affiliation. Proposals from a team of applicants should identify one person as the primary contact.
3. An abstract with title of up to 150 words used for promotion purposes.
4. A full description of the project, including:
 - a. Aims: Explain how the proposal is innovative and relates to the enhancement of student learning and to departmental, faculty or university priorities;
 - b. Timeline of planned action items;
 - c. Provide information on how the proposed teaching enhancement will be evaluated and your plans to share the results (e.g. workshops at the CTL; presentations in the applicant's department etc). (Applicants are encouraged to discuss this with CTL when they are preparing their applications, and to consider involving CTL in the evaluation and dissemination process);
 - d. Applicability beyond the individual applicant(s);
 - e. Potential applicability of the enhancement beyond your own teaching context; and
 - f. A detailed budget.

5. A letter of support from the applicant's Dean or Department Head. Where possible, the letter should include a statement of commitment to the proposed project and an indication of any contributions of the unit to the project.

Selection Criteria

Grants will be awarded based on the following criteria:

1. Innovative with clear aims: Does the proposal identify an important teaching/learning problem or issue that the project will address? Does it clearly state the purpose and define realistic and achievable learning outcomes? Does it clearly state how the project will enhance teaching and learning in a particular course or program?
2. Appropriate methods: Will the project use appropriate instructional methods/technology and assessments appropriate to the intentions of the project?
3. Appropriate evaluation: Are there plans to evaluate the success of the innovation in terms of student learning?
4. Appropriate budget: Are the funds requested directly related to the development and implementation of the project? Funds will not be provided for conference travel.
5. Transferability: How will other educators or Departments benefit from the results of this project?
6. Appropriate sharing: Are there plans to share the outcomes of the project with other teachers at Queen's or beyond?
7. Departmental support: Does the project have the support of the applicant's Dean or Department Head?

The Selection Process

The Teaching and Learning Enhancement Grants will be administered through the CTL. The selection committee will include individuals from the CTL, ITSservices, and individuals who teach and support teaching and learning at Queen's.

Deadline for Applications

The Teaching and Learning Enhancement Grants will not be offered in 2019/2020.

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