



Call for Proposals
Summer Grants for Exploration of Educational Technology
Office of the Provost
Proposals Due February 25, 2011

The Office of the Provost is pleased to announce that for the second year it will be offering a program to provide funding for faculty summer projects to explore new technologies with the potential to enhance teaching and learning. The Summer Technology Exploration is being continued at the recommendation of the Future Technologies Group and the Committee on Information Technology (CIT).

These summer projects constitute the exploratory phase of a program to identify and develop innovative techniques for integrating emerging technologies into teaching, learning and assessment with potential for multiple applications across campus. If the exploratory phase so warrants it, the award recipient will submit a proposal for a pilot phase, in which the technology is tested in one or a small number of classes. If the pilot is successful, broader deployment may follow.

Goals for these summer programs are:

- To provide a vehicle for the University to explore a range of technologies, devices, and software for teaching and learning.
- To provide a process by which faculty can explore and pilot technologies, with the funding and technical support that is necessary to do so.
- To provide a process by which the most effective technologies can be deployed on a larger scale basis.

The committee has identified many promising technologies, including **video and videoconferencing; smart phones and mobile computing, tablet computers including iPads and Android devices, e-book readers, and online learning**. We want faculty to be aware that the University owns licenses for video collaboration software, as well as a pool of Flipcams. The University is considering next-generation video conference rooms. However, *we emphasize our belief that the most effective technology initiatives are those that are faculty driven, with pedagogical considerations and academic needs of faculty and students shaping the technology chosen.*

Exploration grants will be awarded to Reynolda faculty and must involve the assistance and collaboration of at least one technical expert from the Instructional Technology Group, Information Systems, ZSR Library, etc.

Successful proposals will identify the technology to be explored, support staff involved as well as their responsibilities, the resources required, a plan outline for the exploration, and the required budget. Faculty on nine-month contracts may request summer stipends of up to \$3,000, while

faculty on 12-month contracts may request instead a faculty development allowance of up to \$1,000. All faculty may request project expenses up to a maximum of \$2,500 for each project.

Proposals should be 2 to 5 pages in length and should include the following information:

- the scope of the project;
- the budget, including stipends for each participant, and any needed equipment, software, or other expenses.

All grant recipients are expected to do the following:

- Attend several meetings with other grant recipients throughout the duration of the summer. Set dates will be provided pending availability and are subject to change upon mutual consent of the participants.
- Grant recipients must provide the following upon completion of the project:
 - A written assessment of the technology by October 1 addressing the question: Does this technology hold promise for enhancing teaching and learning? If so, provide an outline of expected educational applications.
 - A presentation at the spring teaching and learning fair.
 - Return of equipment purchased under the grant.
 - Optionally, a grant proposal for a pilot use of such technology in instruction, if this initial exploratory phase warrants a pilot.

Proposals should be submitted electronically by February 25th to delphdm@wfu.edu.

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