

## **The Provost's Fund for Academic Innovation**

The Provost's Fund for Academic Innovation is designed to promote innovation in the curriculum or the learning environment. This fund places special emphasis on new or creative ways to use the curriculum or the learning environment to advance Wake Forest's three core academic priorities: (1) building the best faculty of teacher-scholars in the world, (2) bringing the right students and mix of students to Wake Forest and supporting them appropriately while they are here, and (3) creating a vibrant campus with the kind of intellectual climate that capitalizes fully on our many opportunities for faculty-student engagement. The strongest proposals will meet these goals:

1. Promote innovative ways to enrich the curriculum or the learning environment by contributing to at least one of Wake Forest's academic priorities (listed above).
2. Encourage new types of academic excellence in a class, a course of study, or an out of class learning experience.
3. Take advantage of the forces and conditions that are influencing higher education in the U.S. Examples include technological advances, globalization, sustainability, and increasing diversity of all kinds.
4. Involve the collaboration of scholars or students from different departments, interdisciplinary programs or schools.
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Examples of successful projects might include innovative forms of team or technology-rich instruction; courses of study that lead to new degree programs, minors or certificates; learning practices that do more to integrate what takes place within the curriculum and during internships, study abroad or other such venues; and projects that draw on our special array of liberal arts and professional programs to offer unique and timely educational opportunities to students. Based on the faculty's past record, it is impossible to imagine or predict the scope of the ideas our scholars will propose.

This fund will provide each selected proposal with up to \$20,000, which can be spread over one to two years. Each proposal should contain the specific criteria used to measure success toward achieving one or more of the goals above. An interdisciplinary committee with representatives from across the university will review the proposals and make funding recommendations to the provost.

The committee will review only those applications that contain the following:

1. The title of the project and an executive summary of no more than 50 words;
2. A brief description (1-2 pages) of the project including purpose, intellectual foundation, anticipated gains and timeline;
3. Names and affiliations of the principal WFU faculty (no more than four) proposing the project, with no more than a two-page c. v. on each;
4. Names and affiliations of others at WFU who have agreed to be major participants if funded at the level requested;
5. Names and affiliations of any participants from outside WFU; and
6. A proposed budget that explains all expenses and resources contributed from other sources, such as a department or other grant.

There will be two-proposal review periods each year. The first deadline is October 1. The second deadline is April 1. Completed applications should be submitted electronically by 5 p.m. on the due date to [wagnera@wfu.edu](mailto:wagnera@wfu.edu), Office of the Provost.