

The Fund for Innovative Undergraduate Teaching supports the innovative educational initiatives of all full-time faculty who teach undergraduate courses in all disciplines at USC. The goal of this fund is to allow faculty to develop new courses or to significantly modify existing courses and curricula by using new teaching and learning strategies as well as effective assessment of such modifications and innovations.

Several awards (expected to range up to \$15,000) will be available beginning July 1, 2005. Particular attention will be given to proposals with a focus on active or experiential learning. Collaborative projects that cross traditional disciplinary lines are especially encouraged.

The four principal criteria for selection are:

1. Projects which introduce a fresh/innovative perspective to teaching and learning strategies.
2. Projects which place central importance on the active learning and/or experiential learning.
3. Projects that include a sound evaluation strategy which clearly shows measurable outcomes for student learning.
4. Projects that include a realistic and practicable plan of action, as well as a budget which fits the needs of the project.

Review of Proposals:

A panel of faculty drawn from the membership of the Committee on Academic Programs and Teaching (Academic Senate) as well as Faculty Fellows at the Center for Excellence in Teaching (CET) will review proposals.

Orientation Breakfasts (CET in partnership with the University Club):

Faculty interested in meeting with current and previous project winners are invited to attend one of two orientation breakfasts scheduled for Wednesday, 23 March & Tuesday, 29 March, 7.30am-9.00am. To RSVP or to obtain more information (such as exact location and minimal registration fee) please contact Leigh Ruth at askcet@usc.edu no later than Monday, March 21, 2005.

For additional information, please see the following:

- Selection Criteria and Guidelines:
http://www.usc.edu/programs/cet/awards_grants/fund/guidelines.html
- Application Procedures:
http://www.usc.edu/programs/cet/awards_grants/fund/application.html
- Reports of Funded Projects:
http://www.usc.edu/programs/cet/awards_grants/fund/winners/index.html
- Questions and submissions:
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