CTFD Grants for Professional Development in Teaching
(PMYR)

Introduction:
One of the central goals of the Periodic Multi Year Review (PMYR) policy is to provide tenured faculty
with opportunities for continuing professional development. Toward that end, the Center for Teaching &
Faculty Development (CTFD) has created the “Grants for Professional Development in Teaching”
Program, which provides Associate and Full Professors with grants of up to $3000 to develop and/or
explore projects that will enhance their teaching effectiveness. These grants are separate from any
PMYR funds faculty members may receive from their college.

Eligibility:
Faculty members who successfully completed the PMYR process during the 2013-2014 academic year
are eligible to apply for funds. Individuals who will retire on or before January 2015 are not eligible.

Deadline:
Proposals must be submitted directly to the Center for Teaching & Faculty Development on or before
Tuesday, February 17, 2014 at 5:00 PM E.S.T. Please submit proposals electronically to
pmyr@acad.umass.edu.

Professional Development in Teaching Approaches:
Grants for Professional Development in Teaching can be used for a variety of activities and approaches.
These might include but are not limited to:

- Enhancements of content or pedagogical knowledge
- Infusion of diversity and multiculturalism into teaching
- New approaches to assess teaching and student learning
- Teaching strategies that encourage active learning
- Use of instructional technologies in face-to-face, blended, or on-line courses
- Other professional development initiatives that support the teaching mission of the University

Proposal Components:
Please single space your proposal and use a standard 12-point font. Proposals may be a maximum of
two pages, inclusive of budget, and must address the following:

1. Goals of the Project. Indicate how the proposal relates to the enhancement of teaching and
   student learning.
2. Project Design. Describe the general approach by which the project will meet its stated goals.
3. Project Implementation. Be specific about what the project will entail. Provide an anticipated
timeline.
4. Evaluation of Impact. Describe how you will determine whether you have reached your
   teaching and learning outcomes.
5. Budget. Provide a line-item budget with justification.

Funding:
The following expenditures (among others) may be included in the budget request:

- Retreats, workshops or planning sessions
- Facilitator or consultant honorarium
- Materials, supplies, and meals
- Equipment/software
- Student support
- Travel to enhance teaching or area knowledge

Note: Grants cannot be taken as additional compensation.

Funding Period:
The funding period will begin in March 2015 and ends May 31, 2016.

Funding Decisions:
All applications will be reviewed by a committee of faculty and CTFD staff. Notification of awards will be made in March 2015. The criteria by which proposals will be evaluated include:
- Clarity of goals, design and implementation
- Potential impact of project outcomes on professional development in teaching and/or student learning

Grant Requirements:
Each awardee will be expected to:
- Participate in an intake session at the start of the grant period
- Complete a brief survey of program effectiveness following the conclusion of the grant cycle (May 31, 2016).

Questions:
- Please contact the Center for Teaching & Faculty Development at 413-545-1225 or pmyr@acad.umass.edu if you have questions. CTFD staff members are available to consult with grant applicants as they prepare proposals.
- Samples of successful proposals are available for review in the CTFD, 301 Goodell or online at http://www.umass.edu/ctfd/grants/index.shtml#pmyr.
- Grant recipients may request additional individual consultations from CTFD staff throughout the grant period.