TEFD 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 Institute for Teaching Excellence & Faculty Development (TEFD) has created the "Grants for Professional Development in Teaching" Program, which provides Associate and Full Professors with grants of up to $3000 to engage in 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 or were promoted to full professor during the 2015-2016 academic year are eligible to apply for funds. People who will retire during or before January 2017 - January 2018 funding period are not eligible.

Deadline:
Proposals must be submitted directly to the Teaching Excellence & Faculty Development on or before December 19, 2016 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:
- Enhancing content or pedagogical knowledge
- Infusing diversity and multiculturalism into teaching
- Adopting new approaches to assess teaching and student learning
- Integrating teaching strategies that encourage active learning
- Learning to use 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. What the specific outcomes of the project will be.
2. Project Design and Implementation. Describe the general approach by which the project will meet its stated goals. Be specific about what the project will entail.
3. Project Timeline. Provide an anticipated timeline.
4. Evaluation of Impact. Describe how you will determine whether you have reached your teaching and learning outcomes.
5. Detailed 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 pedagogical content knowledge

Note: Grants cannot be taken as additional compensation.

Funding Period:
The funding period will begin in January 2017 and ends January, 2018.

Funding Decisions:
All applications will be reviewed by a committee of faculty and TEFD staff. Notification of awards will be made in January, 2017. 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
- Reasonableness of the budget

Grant Requirements:
Each awardee will be expected to:
- Participate in an intake session at the start of the grant period
- Complete a report and brief survey of program effectiveness following the conclusion of the grant cycle (January, 2018).

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