Dear Colleagues,

The Provost’s Office, through the Center for Teaching and Learning, is very pleased to announce the continuation of the Teaching Innovation Grant program for Brandeis faculty.

We expect to make approximately 15 grants for the 2016-17 year. While the average award will be about $10,000, you may apply for as little as $2000 or as much as $20,000. The grants are intended to support advances in pedagogy and assessment of student learning; funds will be released on July 1, 2016 and must be spent by June 15, 2017.

Proposals must demonstrate innovation in teaching and/or student assessment. A course is not innovative solely because it is new – it must include innovative pedagogy or assessment. Proposals may involve: 1) the creation or redesign of a course or 2) the creation of an assessment or teaching methodology that could be widely used. Your proposal should explain the ongoing benefits of your project, such as the potential for a permanent change in your teaching or a pedagogy or assessment that could be used in this course or other courses (your own or others). All proposals should include a description of how student learning will be assessed.

Areas of Focus:
Proposals in the following areas will receive special preference; however all proposals that address innovation in teaching or assessment will be considered.

- Innovative ways of addressing issues of diversity and inclusion
- Team teaching/interdisciplinary course design

This year we are also going to support projects in which faculty members work with our Computer Science Department to create applications that support collaborative learning among students either outside of class or in the classroom. If you are interested in discussing such a project, please get in touch with the CTL at ctl@brandeis.edu as soon as possible.

What can grants pay for?
- Summer stipends or term-time supplements
- Attendance at courses, seminars, or workshops to enhance your knowledge
- Teaching Assistants or student workers
- Equipment or Software
- Guests (travel fees, honoraria)
- Travel and admissions fees (e.g., for museums)

If you already have funding for your proposed project, please explain clearly any gaps in funding that this grant would fill.

Who is eligible to apply?
- Tenured faculty
- Tenure-Track faculty
- Contract faculty on multi-year contracts who teach at least two courses per year
- Rabb GPS faculty who have taught at least five courses in the previous three years

Supporting services:
The Center for Teaching and Learning, the Rabb School’s Instructional Design team, Library and Technology Services, and the Office of Experiential Learning and Teaching will offer a variety of instructional design and other services to help you plan, design and implement your innovation. Any questions about this RFP should be directed to Dan Perlman, Director of the Center for Teaching and Learning at perlman@brandeis.edu.

Proposals are due March 30.

Please click here to access the application form (http://goo.gl/forms/tMDbprwhEa). A copy also can be found on the CTL website. Proposals will be reviewed by Dan Perlman (CTL), Karen Muncaster (Rabb School), and six faculty members from across the University.

I am very pleased to be able to support Brandeis faculty members through this program and look forward to seeing the impact of these teaching innovations on our educational programs.

Best,

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