

## UCO Innovative Technology for Transformational Learning Incentive Program

Faculty Technology Advisory Committee

Recommendation to:

Office of Information Technology and Faculty Enhancement Center

The Faculty Technology Advisory Committee (FTAC) appreciates the opportunity to present to the Office of Information Technology and Faculty Enhancement Center our recommendation for an innovative technology for transformational learning incentive program. We feel that this recommendation embraces the charge “to develop a mechanism that will promote the creative and innovative use of technology to facilitate transformational learning at the University of Central Oklahoma.”

The committee’s primary focus and concerns are to ensure that the outcomes of such a program will:

1. Advance the creative and/or innovative use of technology to facilitate transformational learning
2. Have a beneficial impact on student transformation
3. Promote a shared, interdisciplinary community of ideas, learning, and technology across the university and in the Oklahoma metropolitan community.

### **Incentives:**

The committee recommends faculty incentive grants that fall into three categories:

***Innovative Use of Technologies*** – competitive grants of up to \$4,000 for faculty who explore the innovative use of technology in the academic environment.

***Technology-based Research*** – competitive grants of up to \$7,000 for faculty who develop and pursue information technology-based pilot research activities that will benefit students and result in external grant submissions within one year of mini-grant completion.

***Faculty Development and Technology Mentors*** - grants of up to \$1,000 for faculty who focus on using technology in teaching for the enhancement of student learning that can serve as models for other faculty. Awards in this category may also be in the form of workshops, seminars, or development for proposals that contain a clear plan to share information with interested faculty through informal and formal presentations to promote application to other campus teaching contexts.

The committee recognizes that opportunities may arise to expand these incentive categories in response to university technology strategies.

### **Program Specifics:**

Grants are for one year. Support is for direct costs as outlined in the proposal, which may include but is not limited to equipment, supplies, research assistance, curriculum development, one course load release, support for technical services, or training that is essential to the cutting

edge application of information technology to academic or research projects. Technology purchased must meet OIT recommended standards.

### **Eligibility**

Full-time faculty. Priority will be given to faculty who have not received a technology grant within the last year.

### **Submission Deadlines**

Please use the online application form. The complete application must be electronically submitted to the OIT Technology Resource Center before 5:00 p.m. on November 1 for the fall cycle or March 1 for the spring cycle.

### **Review**

Recommendations will be made by the Faculty Technology Advisory Committee and approved by the Office of Information Technology and the Office of Academic Affairs. Applicants will be notified of the status of their proposals by e-mail within 30 days after the deadline. While substantially more submissions are expected than can be funded, the number of grants awarded each cycle will depend upon the quality of the submissions. Positive review is based upon the degree to which the project satisfies the objectives of the program, the demonstrated ability of the applicant to accomplish the project goals, and the overall quality of the proposal.

### **Requirements**

Recipients are required to work with the Office of Information Technology for the implementation of any technology received as a result of the grant award.

Recipients will communicate project outcomes through interval milestone reporting along with a one-page written report within 30 days after the conclusion of the project. Final reports should describe what was accomplished, who was involved, plans for dissemination, and future funding prospects.

Grant recipients must prepare an article describing the grant itself for the UCO Technology Newsletter or other approved publication highlighting the mini-grant accomplishments and lessons learned. Recipients will be expected to cooperate with FEC and OIT by providing access for photo, video, or interview purposes. Recipients are requested to acknowledge the grant program in all publications and media coverage resulting from this support.

Recipients of the Innovative Use of Technologies and Technology-based Research categories will also be required to present the project to faculty at one of the FEC and/or OIT sponsored faculty development events (e.g. Faculty Enhancement Day, Academic Technology Fair, On-Campus Technology Workshops).