

To: Department Chairs, Academic Program Directors and Educational Innovation Point

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From: Steve Cramer, Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning

Re: 2015 Educational Innovation (EI) Small Grant Program

Call for Applications

Since its beginning in 2011, the Educational Innovation (EI) initiative at the University of Wisconsin-Madison has sparked the creativity of our faculty and staff. By providing resources and support for instructors to experiment with new technologies and new ways of learning, EI has fueled new opportunities and experiences for our students.

Continuing to support faculty and staff in these efforts is a high priority. Therefore, we are pleased to announce a new EI Small Grant Program, which will provide grants of up to \$15,000 each. Priority will be given to projects that focus on transforming the undergraduate experience through active, student—centered teaching approaches and evaluative practices. Examples of project themes may include community engagement, research mentorship, learning communities, field-based experiences, blended learning and technology-enhanced environments.

Proposals should align with departmental priorities and include a signature of endorsement from the department chair. Proposals also must clearly articulate how the project will be sustained once the funds have been expended.

Applications will be reviewed and selected on a rolling basis until June 1, 2015, or for as long as funds remain available. Funding decisions will be made within two to three weeks of receiving each application. To apply, visit the El website.

We would appreciate your help in distributing this announcement as you see appropriate within your academic unit.

If you have any questions, please contact Mo Bischof, Associate Vice Provost (mo.bischof@wisc.edu) or Steve Cramer, Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning (steven.cramer@wisc.edu).

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