

The Office of the Provost encourages SMU faculty to explore meaningful and innovative use of instructional technology. The Instructional Technology Grant provides faculty members with funds to improve teaching and learning through the incorporation of technology. Since its inception in 1992-1993, over 85 Instructional Technology Grants have been awarded.

Grants are awarded in the Fall. Funding will be available this semester with work to be completed no later than Fall 2010. The maximum amount of the grant will not exceed \$5,000.

THE AWARD

In addition to funding, recipients are also entitled to appropriate technical support from Academic Technology Services, which may include accessing an array of expertise, as well as programs, equipment, and facilities. The awards may be used for training, purchase of equipment, travel, or other grant-related activities.

Funds are intended to assist faculty in developing technology expertise; therefore, use of funds for labor is discouraged. Similarly, requests for generic classroom enhancements, such as projectors, are not competitive. The grant period is one year.

ELIGIBILITY

All full-time regular SMU faculty members are eligible. Both new applicants as well as past recipients are welcome. All grant applicants must secure endorsement from their department chair or dean.

POTENTIAL TOPICS

Grants will be awarded to veteran technology users as well as intermediate and beginners. A list of potential topics is provided to facilitate your application and stimulate ideas. You are not limited to these topics.

- Course-restructuring using various technologies and techniques,
- Course-casting, e.g., digital audio recorders and microphones,
- Animations, simulations, and learning modules

(e.g., using Flash),

- Classroom technologies to increase student interactivity and engagement,
- Technology-enabled assessment (e.g., classroom response systems),
- Registration and travel costs to participate in a classroom technology meeting or seminar (applicant must be presenting a paper or poster).

Partnerships with colleagues from other academic areas, as well as librarians and technology staff, are encouraged. Faculty are welcome to consult with staff at Academic Technology Services (bboeke@smu.edu) with regard to topics, pedagogical objectives, equipment costs, and other issues related to the proposals.

PROPOSAL

Please submit a proposal, not to exceed five double-spaced pages plus cover sheet, endorsed by your chair or dean, indicating the following:

- * Project description;
- * Your expertise and/or expertise to be acquired;
- * Relevance to your discipline, school, or department, including research;
- * Criteria you will use to evaluate the success of the project;
- * Proposed budget, indicating other related funding if applicable; and,
- * Potential follow-up plans (e.g., seeking additional funding to continue or expand the project) if applicable.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The Teaching Technology Group will review proposals and recommend Recipients. The evaluation of the proposals will be based on relevance of the goals and objectives, potential benefit, feasibility, appropriateness of technology addressed, or other applicable criteria. It is especially important to document how students in the classes you teach will benefit from the grant and to identify criteria you will use to measure your project's success.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Since one of the major goals of the grant is to extend technological interest and expertise to other faculty members, the grant requires that recipients present the project outcomes to a public meeting of the Teaching Technology Group, so others may benefit. (For recipients not able to attend, a brief written report [1-2 pages] is required.)

Deadline to apply is 5 p.m., Monday, November 16.

Address proposals to:

Office of the Provost, Perkins Administration Building, Box 221. Please include the attached cover sheet with your application.

NOTIFICATION

Grant recipients will be notified by the Office of the Provost the week of November 23.

PROVOST INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY GRANTS
COVER SHEET
A/Y 2009-2010

Applicant's Name:	
Department:	
SMU Campus Box No.:	
Email Address:	
Office Phone:	
Project Title:	
Semester you will begin project: (Fall 09, Spring 10, Summer 10)	
Total Amount Requested:	
Brief Abstract:	

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