

Guidelines for Dean's Fund Experiential Learning Grants

The College of Liberal Arts (COLA) has set aside a small amount of money from the Dean's Fund to support the creation of new experiential learning courses or revisions to multi-section courses. The goal is to use experiential learning to strengthen retention and degree completion in the college.

Experiential learning includes hands-on activities such as internships, study abroad, service learning courses, students engaging in faculty-led research, or creative projects. Courses also emphasize problem-solving, opportunities for formal student reflection, and ongoing assessment. One common definition of experiential learning is "learning through reflection on doing."

Purpose The College of Liberal Arts Experiential Learning Grant Program provides funds to encourage college faculty to develop new experiential learning courses. Awards to faculty of up to \$500 per course will be considered. If the proposal is for a team-taught course, faculty will split a single award.

Eligibility All full-time faculty in the College of Liberal Arts who will be available to teach the new course for at least four years are invited to apply. Each applicant is limited to one funded proposal per academic year.

Proposal Each 3-4 page proposal must include the following components:

- Short description of the experiential learning course including learning outcomes
- Indication of how the class could impact the community or region
- Audience for the course. Indicate whether the course will meet requirements for multiple majors or programs
- Timeline of steps and tasks needed to develop course
- Indication of support from department chair
- **Submit nominations digitally as one .pdf to: becca.webb@wright.edu**

Review Process

The COLA Dean will establish an ad hoc committee to review the proposals and make awards based on:

- Merit of the project, including positive community impact
- Breadth of proposed audience
- Likelihood that the course will increase retention and completion
- Presence of a large experiential learning component essential to the course learning outcomes

Project Period

The course development must take be completed before August 1, 2022. The course must be taught beginning Fall semester 2022 and at least once per academic year for a period of at least four years if enrollments warrant.

Final Report

A detailed syllabus for the course will constitute the final report. It is due 2 weeks before the course is first taught. Submit the report digitally as one .pdf to: becca.webb@wright.edu

Additional Information

Questions regarding this program should be directed to Dean Caron.