

## Teaching & Learning Fellowship (2017)

### Call for Applications

The Senate Academic Standards and Teaching & Learning Committee invites applications for funding for teaching development projects. This year funding up to **\$5,000** is available to be awarded to one or more successful applicants.

### Purpose

The purpose of the Teaching and Learning Fellowship is to support and promote excellence in teaching and learning at AU and to create opportunities for faculty members to improve and enhance their teaching. Applications may be made for funding to support scholarly activities in a teaching and learning area related to the needs of AU and the interests of the recipient of the grant.

Here are some examples of the sorts of project that might receive funding: research (eg, the writing and circulation of a short article about a new and creative approach to teaching); organization of a conference/workshop on campus; development of activities for the Teaching & Learning Centre at AU (e.g., for the Teaching Forum); establishment of a Teaching Development Newsletter at AU; scholarship in an area such as the evaluation and assessment of Teaching.

Applications also may be made to bring speakers or consultants to Algoma U to disseminate information related to teaching and learning and falling within the scope outlined below. This year the committee welcomes applications for funding for projects on the following general themes:

- Experiential Learning;
- Work-Integrated Learning;
- Interdisciplinary Learning;
- Indigenization;
- Active and Collaborative Learning;
- Student-Faculty Interaction; and
- Enriching Educational Experiences.

### **Scope of Fellowship**

The fellowships do not normally cover such things as basic curriculum development activities, or activities that should be part of a department's or faculty's normal funding responsibilities. When sums of money required are larger than the amount of the fellowship, applicants are encouraged to search out matching funds. The fellowship may cover all or only part of your actual expenses.

### **Eligibility**

All Algoma University full-time teaching faculty are eligible to apply.

### **Deadline**

The deadline to submit applications will be **March 31, 2017**. Applications should be submitted to the Chair of the Academic Standards and Teaching & Learning Committee, Linda Burnett, [burnett@algomau.ca](mailto:burnett@algomau.ca).

### **Use of Fellowship**

The fellowship/s may be used at any time up to **April 30, 2018**.

### **Obligation to Share**

Successful applicants are required to share the results of their projects in the form of a **presentation** offered in the context of the 2018-2019 Teaching Forum. In addition, successful applicants must provide a **written summary** of the results of their projects within one month of its completion or by May 30, 2018, whichever comes first.

### **Application Procedure**

Applications must be emailed to the Chair of the Academic Standards and Teaching & Learning Committee ([linda.burnett@algomau.ca](mailto:linda.burnett@algomau.ca)). Applications should outline the nature of the project, its relevance to teaching and learning at AU, and co-sponsoring information. The application must include the following:

A brief overview of the project (300 words maximum);

Rationale and objectives;

The proposed methodology and work schedule;

Deliverables;

An estimate and description of expenditures and the amount of funding being requested, and an outline of other sources of money, if the fellowship is co-sponsored;

Letters of support, including a letter from the Chair of your Department or the Chair of your Faculty attesting to the value of this project;

A statement of your commitment to provide a written summary of the results of the project and to disseminate the results (eg, by offering a workshop or presentation to your colleagues).

*Please limit the total size of your application package to 3 pages. The Committee will ask you for more information, if such is needed.*

### **Application Evaluation Criteria**

The function of the Teaching & Learning Fellowship is to promote excellence in teaching and learning at AU *and* to promote an individual faculty member's teaching development.

Therefore, applications for project grants will be evaluated based on the expected benefit of the project both to teaching faculty generally and to the individual faculty members personally. Project proposals that outline projects that serve the current needs of AU and its faculty are more likely to be successful than those that focus on the interests of a single faculty member.

Committee members will consider the following factors when evaluating project grant applications:

- 1) The rationale for and objectives of the project in relation to this year's themes;
- 2) The budget against the proposed deliverables;
- 3) The potential benefit of the project to teaching and learning at AU generally and to the applicant's teaching specifically; and
- 4) The plan of the applicant to share the outcomes of her/his project and its potential outreach.

*Senate reserves the right to make amendments to the above guidelines and criteria based on recommendations from the Academic Standards and Teaching & Learning Committee.*