**Teaching & Learning Fellowship (2020): Call for Applications**

The Senate Teaching & Learning and Technical Support Committee invites applications for funding for one or more teaching developmentprojects. Up to $6,255 is available. *This version of the call for applications supersedes any previous version.*

**Purpose**

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

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

* Decolonizing and Indigenizing curricula, decolonizing teaching practices, or integrating Indigenous ways of knowing into existing curriculum;
* Integrating international and intercultural perspectives and content into teaching, enhancing the learning experience of international students, or fostering international and domestic student engagement;
* Designing innovative experiential learning opportunities that use novel approaches for students;
* Using technology to enhance learning;
* Developing interdisciplinary content for existing courses or collaborating with a team of faculty in disciplines other than your own to create and deliver new interdisciplinary courses; and
* Fostering active and collaborative learning.

Here are a few examples of the sorts of project that might receive funding: the organization of a teaching-focused conference/workshop at AU; the development of an interdisciplinary course; the creation of a Teaching & Learning blog at AU; scholarship in a Teaching & Learning area; the researching of Open Access resource usage on campus; the organization of a Peer Mentoring and Support initiative to help partner new faculty with experienced faculty; professional development in a teaching-related area; the organization of a teaching-related faculty retreat; the organization of a faculty reading group or a community of practice discussion group.

**Scope of Fellowship**

The fellowship does not normally cover projects for which other funding is available, or basic curriculum development or activities that are part of a faculty member’s normal workload. It also does not cover student travel or related expenses, or a faculty member’s travel to teach away from his/her regular campus, or the wages of students hired by faculty members. 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. Part-time faculty may also apply, as part of a team led by a full-time faculty member.

**Deadline**

The deadline to submit applications is **March 31, 2020.** Applications should be submitted to the chair of the Teaching & Learning and Technical Support Committee, Dr. Alice Ridout alice.ridout@algomau.ca

**Use of Fellowship**

The fellowship/s may be used at any time up to **April 30, 2021.**

**Reporting Obligation**

Successful applicants must provide a **written executive summary** of the results of their projects within one month of its completion or by May 30, 2021, whichever comes first.

**Application Procedure**

Applications should outline the nature of the project, its relevance to teaching and learning at AU, and any 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; and

A statement of your commitment to provide a written summary of the results of the project.

*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 make a positive contribution to the learning & teaching environment at AU. Therefore, applications for project grants will be evaluated based on the expected benefit of the project to this environment generally. 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 & 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.

*In the event of more applicants than available funds, the Teaching & Learning Fellowship will prioritize first-time applicants.*

For further information, contact Dr. Alice Ridout, Chair of the Teaching & Learning and Technical Support Committee, at Alice.Ridout@algomau.ca.