Local Teaching Related Research Funding Awards

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Purpose

To provide faculty members with an opportunity to:

- Further their teaching related research
- Develop innovative methods in teaching and learning
- Share findings
- Enhance the student experience
- Stimulate interest in the widespread adoption of evidence informed teaching practices.
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What is TLEF?
- created in 2006
- supports a diverse range of initiatives specifically focused on creating exceptional and life changing university experiences for students

For the Public Good:
- “ensure that learning experiences at our university are of the highest quality, based on a practice of continuous improvement and innovation in teaching”
- “foster excellence in research and teaching through professional development”.
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Who is eligible for TLEF Project Funding?

All UAlberta instructors* who seek innovative ways of creating exceptional learning experiences and environments

* https://policiesonline.ualberta.ca/PoliciesProcedures/Policies/Eligibility-to-Apply-for-and-Hold-Research-Funding-Policy.pdf
TLEF Proposal must address:

- Innovation
- Collaboration
- Evaluation
- Sustainability / Impact on Students
- Dissemination
- Budget and Timelines

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How are TLEF Projects Adjudicated?

- **Vice-Provost (Learning Initiatives), or delegate, Chair**
  - **One graduate student selected by GSA**
  - **One undergraduate student selected by Students’ Union**
  - **One tenured faculty member selected by GFC**
  - **Member of the Committee on the Learning Environment (CLE)**

- **Vice-Provost (Information Technology), or delegate**
  - **Vice-President (Research) or delegate**
  - **Director, Centre for Teaching and Learning**

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What was the success rate of TLEF Projects in 2016?

- 18/29 applications funded (55%)
- ~1M in funding over 3 years
- Budgets: $7,845 (1yr) to $188,996 (3yrs)

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What are some of the projects that were funded?

“Needs assessment for enhanced field supervisor engagement within the Human Ecology Practicum Program” Kathryn Chandler, Deanna Williamson (Department of Human Ecology, Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences) $16,840

“On&Off DigiMapping: A mobile learning tool for teaching the geospatial context of soils, vegetation and hydrology in the landscapes from fields” Guillermo Hernandez Ramirez, Sylvie Quideau, Derek MacKenzie, Miles Dyck (Department of Renewable Resources, Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences) $40,000

“Arts 100: Gamifying Student Engagement in the Faculty of Arts” Allen Ball (Department of Art and Design, Faculty of Arts) $7,845
When can I apply?

January 16, 2017

* check internal deadlines

Adjudication: February 21-22, 2017

Notification of results: mid-late March
Where can I find more information?
Who can apply for TLEF PD?

All persons engaged in teaching:

- sessional instructors
- faculty lecturers
- tenured faculty
- librarians
- other members of the academic staff who offer teaching and learning sessions for students.

*Graduate assistants and postdoctoral fellows who are assigned formal teaching responsibilities also may apply.
What type of PD is supported with this grant?

- attendance at short courses
- conferences
- workshops

Or

- organizing an instructional development event
How much am I eligible to receive?

- Up to $5,000
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What are the McCalla Professorships?

2017 - 2018 McCalla Professorships – Call for Nominations

Application Deadline for Small Faculties
Thursday, December 1, 2016

Submission Deadline for Large Faculties*
Tuesday, January 31, 2017

*Note: Large Faculties are responsible for their own adjudication processes. Check Faculty websites for more information and internal deadlines.

The McCalla Professorships, named after the first Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, Arthur Gilbert McCalla, provide faculty members with an opportunity to explore and implement strategies integrating their research and teaching. Recipients, nominated by their Faculty, are outstanding academics who have made significant contributions to their field of research, teaching and learning. The awards provide funding for research and teaching initiatives. These awards are tenable at the University of Alberta.

A. G. McCalla was Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies from 1957 - 1971. Pictured above circa 1970.
Who is eligible to apply for a McCalla?

- Associate and Full Professors who have been and continue to be committed to integrating teaching and research
What is the value of this grant?

- 20K for 1 year project that integrates teaching and research
What projects have been supported in the past?

KIM MISFELDT (Fine Arts and Humanities)

*After Coming Home: Study Abroad Returnees*

This project will investigate the experience of former study abroad students and incorporate their responses and advice into the future programming, teaching and assessment of the Canadian Summer School in Germany and its articulation with domestic programs. More broadly, it will generate original knowledge about the sustained, positive linguistic and intercultural effects of study abroad in post-sojourn domestic settings as well as identify barriers to this integration.
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What is the Vargo Teaching Chair?

- committed to support individuals demonstrating innovative and creative teaching methods which enhance learning by undergraduate and graduate students.

- 3 year award based for a teaching related project
Who is eligible to apply for a Vargo?

- Full Time Associate or Full Professors
What is the value of the grant?

- $20,000/annum (x3 years) for approved research and teaching initiatives.
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2016 Distinguished University Professor Recipients

- Olive Young (Nursing)
- James Pinfeld (Physics)
What is the DUP Award?

DUP = exceptional faculty members who are globally recognized leaders and whose exemplary teaching, research and citizenship have made them leaders in their disciplines internationally.

They serve as senior advisors to the University Community, and act as mentors and exemplars to other professors.
Who can apply?

Full Time Professors who have been at U of A for at least 10 years
What is the value of this grant?

- $20,000 research award per year for the duration of the academic appointment.
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What is the Ucup?

- created to recognize contributions to scholarly research, teaching and service to the community and University and by this recognition to provide incentive, encouragement and guidance for others to significantly contribute to their fields.
Who is eligible to apply?

- Full Time Professors with 20 years of service as a faculty member in a university community and at least 10 years of service as a faculty member at the University of Alberta
What is the value of this award?

$5,000 plus U Cup