Dean's Grants in Teaching Innovation

Award terms: One or more grants for effective teaching innovation within a course. Awards would include:

- Equivalent sessional salaries to the department for up to 2 course releases for teaching innovation development per team member,
- Instructional design support from the Faculty of Science,
- Funding for technology components (if any), and
- A departmental one-time supplement of up to $100 per student impacted by the innovation

Theme(s) could be active learning (such as a blended, flipped or MOOC approach for content), research in teaching and learning, use of open educational resources (free online textbooks), and any other strategic priorities to achieve the BHAGs.

A call for proposals will appear in early February, with applications due March 14 for start-up May 1 and normally to be implemented for September 1, 2017. Potential teams need to consult with their Departments to ensure teaching assignments are covered if the application is successful. Applicants may include faculty, staff, and faculty lecturers with a minimum 5 years teaching experience in the Faculty of Science. The award would cover a project or projects that are a minimum of 1 year in length and a maximum of 3 years in length.

Submission of annual progress and final reports by the successful grantees are a necessary condition of funding and will be disseminated broadly on the Faculty of Science webpage. They will also be used to evaluate this initiative. These reports will be reviewed for the effectiveness of the innovation and for the success of this initiative at supporting and facilitating innovation within the Faculty of Science.

Adjudicated by Dean, Vice-Dean, and appropriate Associate Deans of Learning and Innovation, Undergraduate, Graduate and International, and Research, as appropriate.

The TIF/TLEF terms of reference and application forms would be used for this call. A letter of support from the Department Chair is necessary for each application.

Criteria for adjudication will be similar to those of the TLEF and FoS-TIF terms of reference and include:

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