

TEACHING ENHANCEMENT GRANT

CDTL invites applications for Teaching Enhancement Grant. CDTL has set aside grant funds to provide monetary support for professional development activities or research projects that are intended to promote reflective and outcome-based teaching through active investigations into how to enhance the quality of teaching, the learning experience and learning outcomes at NUS.

Eligibility

Application is open to all full-time NUS faculty members, working either individually or in small groups which may be inter-department/faculty. Priority will be given to proposals submitted by individuals who have not previously received a Teaching Enhancement Grant funding.

Theme

This year's theme is: **classroom management strategies**. We recognize that different subject domains may usefully and creatively devise and adopt varied strategies to engage students so as to bring about specific learning outcomes. You may want to consider some, if not all of the following:

- What are your learning outcomes?
- What classroom strategies would be best devised in your context to generate these learning outcomes?
- How would such strategies help to resolve specific obstacles to learning (and teaching)?
- What classroom activities are central to this mode of teaching?
- What facilities need to be put in place to effect this mode of teaching and learning?
- What assessment methods are crucial to accompany these strategies and generate the outcomes you wish to achieve?
- What are the ways that are used to investigate the impact of these strategies?

Selection criteria

- Proposals must stay on the theme. Otherwise, they will not be considered for selection.
- Proposals that have a research angle/agenda will have an added advantage over those that do not.
- Last but not least, selection will be based on the likely benefit to learning and learners, and the range of audiences that the project will reach.

Value of Grant

Each grant carries a maximum value of \$10,000. Funds may be used for materials/consumables and hiring of part-time manpower where necessary (CDTL is able to offer some research and technical assistance). Funding for education conferences will only be supported if it is directly related to the project being undertaken and if your home faculty does not provide financial assistance for such conferences.

Submission Procedure

Please submit your proposals using the prescribed form by **Monday, 24 August 2009** to Elsie Lim at cdtlime@nus.edu.sg. Successful applicants will be contacted in September. Proposals should include:

1. A two-page (maximum) project description including the goals and an explanation of how the project relates to teaching and learning enhancement
2. An implementation timeline for the project
3. An itemized budget

Deliverables

Projects are expected to be completed by **31 July 2010**, at which point grant recipients will be expected to submit a short report (2000-3000 words) and the final statement of accounts. They may also be invited to share the educational outcomes with colleagues in CDTL workshops and/or publications. Where appropriate, they will be encouraged to publish their results in educational journals in association with CDTL.

Critical Deadlines

24 August 2009	Deadline for submission of proposals
3 rd week of September 2009	Notification of outcome of proposals and submission of Acceptance forms to CDTL by successful applicants
September 2009	Creation of projects' WBS and official start of projects
Late March 2010	Lapse of funds in WBS at end of financial year 2009/2010
31 March 2010	Deadline for submission of brief progress/status report including a breakdown of expenditure incurred up to March 2010
Late May/Early June 2010	Return of unused funds to projects' WBS
31 July 2010	Submission of final report and statement of accounts
1-31 August 2010	Return of unused funds and closing of projects' WBS