

Dietrich School Curricular Innovation Fund

The Dietrich School announces a two-year program to fund efforts to improve our undergraduate curriculum, especially efforts that support School-level initiatives to enhance departmental advising, develop innovative majors, enrich large-enrollment and introductory courses, or scale-up mentored research, scholarly, and creative arts experiences for undergraduates.

Funds must be requested by department chairs or program directors on behalf of a full time T/TS or NTS faculty member or group of faculty members within, and in some cases also outside, their department or program. Funds can be used to assess and/or purchase materials, including software that might augment teaching, learning, assessment, or grading; support travel to visit colleagues at institutions with curricular programs being considered at Pitt; convene workshops or retreats for sustained faculty consideration of curricular changes, especially those that cross departmental or School lines; or similar purposes. In exceptional cases that involve complex departmental or program changes, funds can be requested for limited summer salary support. No funds are available for course releases or salary support during fall or spring terms.

There is no minimum or maximum request limit, but, as funds are limited, most successful proposals will have budgets less than \$10,000 in one-time (non-recurring) funds. Proposals should contain a short (1-3 page) description, a 1-page letter from the chair or program director that details the faculty involved in the project and their respective responsibilities, a 1-page timetable for the expenditure of the funds and the testing and/or implementation of the project, and a 1-page budget that should be reviewed in advance by the department's fiscal administrator.

All funds must be allocated by the end of the spring 2019 term. Proposals can be submitted anytime and will be considered until the fund is expended. Please send proposals as a single PDF document to Lisa Lang at lisalang@pitt.edu. Questions should be directed to Associate Dean John Twyning at twyning@pitt.edu.