FAQs for the EX[L] Faculty Proposals

1. **Are the proposals to support existing activities or new activities?**
   Competitive proposals will be for new activities or for new aspects of existing activities, consistent with the goals of the EX[L] Center.

2. **Are there funding minimums and maximums for the proposal?**
   It is anticipated that funding levels start at $1,000, though there are currently no maximum budget limits on requests. It is expected, however, that all funds are to be spent within the Fiscal Year awarded.

3. **Are we limited to the activities (identified in the call for proposals) that we currently use to advance experiential learning at UA? “**
   Yes and no. Our efforts to be innovative are, frequently, limited—at least in the short term—by existing bureaucratic categories. Re-thinking these categories is one area where we encourage faculty to be creative and innovative, without being unrealistic in the short term. Thus, activities that fall outside that list, yet support the goals of the EX[L] Center, will be given full consideration.

4. **How do these proposals differ from Faculty Research Grants (FRG)?**
   FRGs are specifically intended to support faculty research. While faculty research may be facilitated through an EXL grant, it is not the primary goal of the EXL call for proposals. EXL is looking for proposals that emphasize experiential learning that is integrated into a student’s program of study and is transcripted. Proposals should engage external partners in some meaningful way. When appropriate, applicants should seek collaboration across disciplines (including across colleges). When it fits the proposer’s concept, the proposal should indicate how the project may become ongoing and self-sustaining after the pilot phase.

5. **How do we demonstrate the benefit of the proposal for experiential learning?**
   Simple metrics like the number of students served and simple descriptive information such as the nature of collaborations and partnerships are a good start. More sophisticated tools to gauge learning academic content delivery, and student and partner impact are encouraged along with student narrative reflections.

6. **How will proposals be evaluated?**
   The EXL Faculty Steering Committee (FSC) will review and evaluate submissions, ranking them as highly recommended, recommended, or not recommended. The EXL Center will use these recommendations in their deliberations and report back to the FSC on their award decisions.

7. **What feedback can we expect?**
   The Faculty Director of Collaboration will provide feedback on request to colleagues who have submitted proposals.

8. **What if my idea is so small that it would require much less than $1000 of support from EXL?**
   If your idea is innovative and advances meaningful student experiential learning, we want to know about it and consider ways we might support you. Smaller grants are possible and if you fall into this category, please contact the Faculty Director of Collaboration directly to discuss your idea.