

EX[L] Center

Faculty-Driven Initiatives

Requests for Proposals

Background

Recognizing the pedagogical guidance and mentoring of Political Science Professor and Director of the Center for Conflict Management, Bill Lyons, the Faculty Driven-Initiatives program is available to faculty who seek to facilitate their research/scholarship through pedagogical innovation that emphasizes experiential learning (team-based, inquiry-driven, hands-on, community-based, participatory, etc.).

EX[L] is once again able to offer funding for Lyons Faculty-Driven Initiatives for the 2018-19 year. All tenured, tenure track (TT), and non-tenure track (NTT) faculty are invited to apply. Examples of funded FDIs can be found at <https://www.uakron.edu/exl/faculty/index.dot>.

Proposal Details

Proposals are limited to two-pages (front-side) plus budget and biosketches. They should be submitted to Carolyn Behrman, EX[L] Co-Director by October 1, 2018. It is expected that proposal budgets fall within a single fiscal year, to commence in fall/winter 2018 and that all funds will be spent by June 30, 2019. Proposals may be resubmitted in subsequent years if appropriate.

Proposals should address the following within the two-page limit:

- 1) Description and objective(s) of the proposed activity
include specific need this experiential opportunity is addressing
- 2) Evaluation of proposed activity
address what will determine if the activity is successful
- 3) Fit of proposal with the goals of the EX[L] Center
consider hands-on, team-based, and/or inquiry-driven learning;
interdisciplinary emphasis; clear and direct impact (number of students and nature and intensity impact) and sustainability, as applicable
- 4) Specific ask
include details regarding how the EX[L] Center can assist you, financially and administratively, in achieving the objectives
- 5) Community/industry partnerships
identify who you are working with (as appropriate)
- 6) Scalability
Explain how this activity may be expanded to impact a larger number of students after the pilot phase, if applicable

- 7) If any aspect of these criteria prevents you from adequately explaining your idea, ignore that criteria and focus on explaining your idea. We will read and consider all submissions and we do not want our expectations outlined here to suffocate any colleagues' creativity. At the same time, if we conclude that the criteria you chose to ignore could have been meaningfully addressed in your proposal that will weaken your submission.

Budget: List costs with short explanations. If the project is leveraging other funds, internal or external, please indicate.

Biosketches: In addition to the application, please send a 1/2 page biography for each faculty member involved underscoring interests and experience as they relate to this project.

Here are some of the current ways UA delivers experiential learning to our students:

- *Undergraduate Research*
- *Field Work*
- *Student Teaching*
- *Service Learning*
- *Community-based Research (Participatory Action Research)*
- *Internships*
- *Co-Ops*
- *Practicum*
- *Clinical*
- *Directed Volunteer or Co-Curricular Activities*
- *Study Abroad*
- *Unclasses*
- *Juried Exhibitions & Performances*