

EX[L] Center Faculty-Driven Initiatives Request for Proposals

Background

The Faculty Driven-Initiatives (FDI) 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 Faculty-Driven Initiatives for AY 2020-21. All full-time faculty are invited to apply (tenured, tenure track, and non-tenure track).

Examples of funded FDIs can be found at <https://www.uakron.edu/exl/forfaculty/index.dot>.

Proposal Details

Proposals are limited to two-pages (front-side) plus budget and biosketches. They should be submitted to Christin Seher, EX[L] Co-Director **by September 25, 2020** at cseher@uakron.edu. It is expected that proposal budgets fall within a single fiscal year, to commence in fall/winter 2020 and that all funds will be spent by June 30, 2021. Proposals may be resubmitted in subsequent years if appropriate.

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

- 1) **Description of the project and its overarching objective(s):** what specific need does this experiential opportunity address?
- 2) **Impact:** how does this project benefit students, UA, the community and/or your scholarship?
- 3) **Evaluation:** what will you use to determine if the project is successful?
- 4) **Fit with the goals of the EX[L] Center:** how does the project promote hands-on, team-based, transdisciplinary, and/or inquiry-driven learning?
- 5) **Partnerships:** who are you working with?
- 6) **Specific ask:** how can EX[L] assist you, financially and administratively, in achieving your objectives?
- 7) **Scalability:** how can this activity be expanded to impact a larger number of students after the pilot phase, if applicable.

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 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 all costs with a short explanation. If the project is leveraging other funds, internal or external, please indicate this.

Biosketch(es)

In addition to the application narrative and budget, include a biography for each faculty member involved (no more than ½ page) underscoring interests and experience as they relate to this project.

Evaluation

Applications will be evaluated by a committee of the EX[L] Faculty Steering Committee, with an anticipated notification date of October 9th, 2020.

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*
- *Practica*
- *Clinicals*
- *Directed Volunteer or Co-Curricular Activities*
- *Study Abroad*
- *Unclasses*
- *Juried Exhibitions & Performances*

