

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

Background

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 Faculty-Driven Initiatives for AY 2019-20. 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/forfaculty/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 September 23, 2019. It is expected that proposal budgets fall within a single fiscal year, to commence in fall/winter 2019 and that all funds will be spent by June 30, 2020. Proposals may be resubmitted in subsequent years if appropriate.

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

- 1) **Description and objective(s)**. Include specific need this experiential opportunity is addressing.
- 2) **Evaluation**. Address what will determine if the activity is successful.
- 3) **Fit of proposed activity 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.

Biosketch(es)

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