OpenXChange Faculty Engagement Grants

Deadline to Apply: May 1, 2016

OpenXChange is a campus-wide initiative that aims to strengthen Stanford through purposeful engagement around national and global concerns. From its founding, Stanford has been a place of intellectual debate and the open exchange of ideas in the service of learning, the creation of new knowledge, and the education of citizens.

Recognizing that Stanford faculty and lecturers are exploring ways to engage students amid growing activism on issues related to race, diversity, campus climate, climate change, university investment practices, poverty and labor, and gender equity, Open XChange is soliciting proposals for faculty engagement grants. The grants intend to support instructor interests to foster a learning climate in their classrooms and labs; increase instructor capacity to respond to student advocacy; develop responsive and engaging curriculum; and cultivate a culture of peer learning among colleagues. The Grants will support individual, or groups of instructors in their goals to learn more about the issues and better prepared to educate and to contribute to the development of their students.

Faculty, lecturers and academic departments and programs are invited to submit proposals for experimental, new, reflective projects, or other instructor discussions where instructors are participants and active learners. The proposed activities may be within units or across units. Projects may include:

- Forming a Faculty Learning Community (FLC) to discuss student activism within a discipline, a group of disciplines, or campus unit; to reflect on the extent and scope of individual faculty engagement; and to consider responsiveness to agenda-driven as well as developmental needs of students.
- Forming a seminar for instructors to learn the history and influential works surrounding college activism around particular issue(s).
- Developing a plan to assess and improve teaching practice, with a focus on skills in approaching and facilitating debate, managing classroom tension, or counseling students.
- Evaluating the representations and narratives in existing curricula around topics that are relevant to diversity, and exploration of enhancements towards culturally-relevant pedagogy and/or curriculum.
- Experimenting with interventions to create opportunities for mentoring that foster broader notions of inclusivity, celebrate differences and reward the diversity of ideas, experiences and aspirations.
- Considering ways to prepare future Stanford graduates for a life-long commitment to inter-group dialogue.

Budget requests may include the following:

- Outside expert speaker for a campus visit and/or talk. This may include honoraria, travel expenses and on-campus expenses (room reservation fees…).
- Hourly student support to help with benchmarking, course development, teaching assessments, or other research-based activity.
- Direct expenses related to a Faculty Learning Community expenses (costs of books, rooms, food).
- Direct expenses related to faculty, lecturer, postdoc, staff or contractor time, subject to University and School policies.

Grants are expected in the amount of $5,000. Larger grants may be made depending on the proposed project and availability of funds. Cost sharing, is encouraged but not required. The proposed activities may take place in the current academic year, during the summer quarter or in 2016-2017.
How To Apply

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To apply, please submit your proposal online at http://tinyurl.com/openxchange-grants by May 1, 2016.

Complete proposals include:

1. Responses to the following questions:
   - What do you intend to do?
   - What challenge will be the focus? Why is this timely and relevant for this discipline and department? What has been done in the past to address it, if at all, among the faculty in your discipline or department?
   - What do you hope to accomplish?
   - Who is leading the effort? Names of other faculty who are/will be involved.
   - How will you evaluate the success of your work?

2. A brief budget request. Requests of up to $5,000 will be considered; budgets and scope of activities may be negotiated. There are very few restrictions on the kinds of activities on which funds can be spent.

Awards are made on a competitive basis.

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