

## Innovation Grants Rubric

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Category	Criterion	Exceeds (3)	Meets (2)	Partially Meets (1)*
Innovation	The project is focused on an innovative approach to improve or deepen student learning (not just an equipment purchase).	The project focuses on teaching that is innovative for the instructor, department, college, or institution.	The primary focus of the project is an innovative teaching method for the instructor.	The project focuses on teaching and learning, but the methods used are not innovative (would continue the current status quo in the course).
Feasibility & Risk	The project is feasible and could be completed within 12 months of receiving the funding. Associated risks are worth the cost. Risk examples include security or policy concerns, and potential negative impact on students.	N/A	The proposed idea is feasible and could be completed within 12 months of receiving the funds. Minor adjustments could mitigate risks, or the risks are offset by the potential positive outcomes.	The proposed idea is feasible with minor adjustments to the plan or budget. The project may extend beyond a 12-month time frame after receiving the funds (limited to 18 months). Minor adjustments could mitigate risks.
Budget	The project budget and justification are included in the final application. Costs have been researched and are within reasonable limits.	N/A	The project budget and justification section are filled out and include approximate hours of work and associated costs. Estimated costs (e.g. for purchases or staff hours) have been researched.	The project budget and justification section are partially filled out but may be missing some associated costs and hours of work. The cost may be overestimated or underestimated for the scope of the project.
Impact	The innovation is designed to support meaningful learning experiences or solve a specific learning problem.	A detailed rationale explains why and how the innovation is expected to have an impact on creating meaningful student learning experiences.	A rationale explains the expected impact of the project on student learning.	The proposed idea is unlikely to achieve a deep impact on student learning. The rationale is underdeveloped.

\* If a criterion is missing (e.g. no budget) the category is scored as '0'.

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Scale	The proposed idea can be scaled beyond the initial project's target audience.	The project idea can be scaled beyond the initial audience to others beyond the discipline, or institution.	The project idea can be scaled beyond the initial student audience to others in the college.	The project idea can be scaled out beyond the initial student audience to others in the department.
Assessment & Evaluation	The project proposes an appropriate method of assessment and evaluation to measure project outcomes.	The project proposal includes an assessment and evaluation plan with outcome measures directly related to the proposed impact.	The project proposal includes an assessment and evaluation plan without clarifying the connection between outcome measures and proposed impacts.	The project proposal includes information on assessment and evaluation activities without a clear plan.
Research Discussion	The project builds on research that has been done on this topic already.	The project proposal is built on research on the innovative approach and citations have been included in the application.	The project proposal includes citations and a cursory examination of similar projects.	The project includes limited citations.

The items below are not scored but will be taken into consideration when reviewing applications:

- **Sharing:** Does the project application include a method of sharing the results with others? If so, will they be shared widely so others may learn from it, just across the college or discipline, or just in a single department?
- **Collaboration:** Does the project propose a collaboration with other faculty, another grant, or involvement with another project? Will this increase the potential for success or impact of the project?