



## CARTA Teaching Innovation Grant

To create new economic motivation for enhancing student success and improving efficiency of higher education in the use of public resources, the State of Florida Board of Education approved four performance categories for scoring Florida's public universities and colleges in July 2015. FIU and other Florida universities will be scored and funded based on: 1) students' completion rates, 2) students' retention rates 3) job placement and continuing education for graduates and 4) the entry-level wages for graduates.

This *Teaching Innovation Grant* initiative is designed to enhance student success by supporting innovative and effective approaches that lead to improving **course completion** and **retention rates** of students across CARTA's various programs. Inherent in student success, course completion and retention is the quality and the motivational power of teaching. Therefore, this initiative calls for innovative pedagogical approaches in course design, material or curriculum development, assessment methods, use of information technology and etc. During the 2016-2017 Academic Year, CARTA will award three (3) grants with a maximum budget of \$3000 for each project.

**Eligibility:** Principal investigator (s) (PI and co-PIs) must be full-time faculty members on a continuous appointment of instructor, tenure-track or tenured faculty. Both single investigator, and collaborative projects are welcome to apply.

**Proposal Preparation:** Each proposal should provide a clear idea of the work to be undertaken, expected outcomes, and must include the following sections:

**1. Project Description:** 1500-word (Maximum) narrative that includes:

**Objectives:** *What do you want to achieve?*

State the project goals and objectives.

**Motivation and Needs:** *Why do you want to conduct the project?*

Describe the challenge, opportunity, or the need that the project is addressing. What is the project's significance? How will this project contribute to the advancement of teaching or the existing pedagogical approaches?

**Innovation:** *What is your innovation?*

Describe the innovative approach of the project in relation to improving quality of teaching as measured by course completion, retention rates, student motivation and engagement?

**Methodology:** *How do you plan to proceed?*

State the project plan and methodology to achieve goals. You could include a table for the project schedule.

**Assessment Plan:** *how will you know if your project has been successful?*

How will you assess the effectiveness of your pedagogy, student learning, student interest and engagement and retention?

**Project Outcomes:** *What are the anticipated outcomes of the project activities?*

You could list publications, exhibit of student work or etc.

**2. Budget and Timeline:** Provide a budget, a brief budget justification, and a detailed project schedule for the one-year duration of the proposed work. This part of the proposal could be up to two (2) pages in addition to the narrative. The budget must be appropriate for the proposed scope of work and be below \$3000. Summer salary cannot be included.

**3. Supplementary Materials:** Up to two pages of supplementary materials, including images, one or two video clips, or other relevant materials as an email attachment.

**Evaluation Criteria:** Proposals will be evaluated based on:

- Scholarly merit and innovative aspects of the project.
- The quality of the proposal's plan for addressing the project goals.
- Quality of the Assessment Plan
- Project's potential to gain external recognition for the faculty and FIU.
- Suitability of budget, and appropriateness of the project schedule in relation to the scope of work.

**Completion and Reporting Requirements:** All projects are required to submit a final report, within two weeks of the project completion date. Failure to submit any of these two documents will disqualify the team from any teaching or research funding from the College in the future.

#### Schedule

Date	Time	Activities
Monday March 7, 2016	10:00 AM	Applications are available
Friday April 22, 2016	5:00 PM	Proposal submissions are due
Friday June 3, 2016	5:00 PM	Reviews are completed
Friday June 17, 2016	5:00 PM	Faculty for selected proposal are notified
Monday July 11, 2016	10:00 AM	Projects begin
Monday July 24, 2017	10:00 AM	Project Final Report submission due

Proposals should be submitted via email to [Vassigh@fiu.edu](mailto:Vassigh@fiu.edu). Please address your questions to the same email or call Shahin Vassigh at (305)348-3032.