

Woody L. Hunt College of Business
The University of Texas at El Paso

Hunt College Teaching Innovation and Development Grants

Purpose

The Woody L. Hunt College of Business is pleased to announce a new competitive grant program to encourage and support faculty in improving their teaching. The Teaching Innovation and Development Grants provide funding for faculty to attend teaching-related conferences, participate in professional development workshops, or engage in course redesign projects that advance student learning and success.

This program aligns with our College's commitment to fostering innovative, engaging, and impactful teaching that prepares our students to thrive in a global business environment.

Funding

- Award Amounts: Up to \$5,000
- Total Annual Funding Available: Approximately \$30,000
- Eligibility: All full-time Hunt College faculty
- Project Period: Funds must be used during the academic year (October-May)

Eligible Activities

Faculty may request funds for activities such as:

- Travel and registration to nationally recognized teaching-focused conferences (e.g., AACSB Teaching and Learning Conferences, CTLA, Academy of Management Teaching & Learning, Lilly Conferences, POD Network, etc.).
- Participation in specialized pedagogy workshops or certifications (e.g., case-method teaching, inclusive pedagogy, online/hybrid teaching, experiential learning design).
- Course redesign or innovation projects (e.g., integrating technology and AI, active learning strategies, gamification, AI-assisted assessment, US-MX trade and commerce).
- Support for faculty learning communities (e.g., community of practice in community engagement) or collaborative teaching innovation initiatives.

Application Requirements

Applicants must submit a 2–3 page proposal including:

1. Description of the professional development activity or project.
2. Rationale: How the activity will enhance teaching effectiveness and improve student learning outcomes.

3. Budget and justification (travel costs, registration fees, materials, software, etc.). Grants cannot be used for salary support.
4. Dissemination plan: How knowledge gained will be shared with colleagues (e.g., brown-bag session, faculty workshop, online resource).
5. Chair's endorsement confirming alignment with departmental/college needs.

Selection Criteria

Proposals will be reviewed competitively by the Dean's Office using the following criteria:

- Clear and compelling link to teaching improvement and student success.
- Potential for measurable impact on student learning (e.g., increased engagement, lower DFW rates, enhanced experiential opportunities).
- Feasibility of the activity and reasonableness of the budget.
- Commitment to sharing results with colleagues.
- Alignment with College priorities (experiential learning, cross-cultural pedagogy, technology integration, inclusive teaching practices, community outreach and engagement, and US-MX trade and commerce).

Deliverables

- Final Report: Awardees must submit a brief (2-page) report within 60 days of completing the activity, summarizing what was learned and how it will be applied.
- Knowledge Sharing: Awardees must present insights at a College-sponsored faculty development session or brown-bag workshop.

Timeline

- Proposal Deadline: September 1 – January 31, or until funds are exhausted
- Award Notifications: No later than two weeks after proposal submission
- Funding Period: October 1- May 31

Submission and Questions

Please submit proposals as a single PDF via email (subject: teaching innovation and development grant proposal):

Dr. Erik Devos, Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Development, hdevos@utep.edu

Proposals will be accepted on a rolling basis between September 1 and January 31, or until funds are exhausted. If funds are fully allocated before the end of the submission period, remaining proposals may be placed on a waitlist or deferred to the following funding cycle.