

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

### TEACHING INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, AND EXCELLENCE (TIDE) AWARD

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Wayne State University

*“We want cool projects that turn the TIDE in hybrid and remote teaching!!!”*

**Maximum Award: \$5,000**

**Application Deadline: June 15, 2021**

**Funding Decisions Announced: July 15, 2021**

#### **TEACHING INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT & EXCELLENCE (TIDE) AWARD:**

With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Wayne State University and other institutions of higher education moved the majority of instruction online, and faculty found themselves quickly adopting a range of hybrid and remote course delivery formats. One year later, we know a lot more about what works and what doesn't in the hybrid or virtual classroom. Hybrid and remote modes of instruction have presented a number of pedagogical and technological challenges that still must be overcome, and they have allowed for the introduction of new digital divides among students. In some delivery formats the maintenance of regular communication with students can be difficult. “Hands-on” learning can also be difficult in hybrid and remote teaching. There is growing recognition of faculty and student burnout after a year of virtual teaching and learning. Nonetheless, we also recognize that smart universities will be “[hybrid campuses](#)” moving forward. **We need fresh approaches not only to engage and motivate students but also to support faculty members as they try to renew their teaching.** Ultimately, we need to find new and different ways to support a range of pedagogies, types of student learning, and course delivery formats. As the college responsible for the bulk of undergraduate general education, and with its vast array of undergraduate and graduate programs, **the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) has a particular responsibility to test out new ways to update, develop and transform hybrid and remote teaching and learning opportunities.** This is true across all areas of academic instruction in CLAS, from the humanities and social sciences to the life sciences and basic sciences.

In celebration of the hard work that all CLAS faculty have invested in hybrid and remote instruction in the past year, and to encourage further innovative approaches, **CLAS has created a one-time only Teaching Innovation, Development and Excellence (TIDE) Award to support faculty who continue to transform their modes of teaching.** The CLAS TIDE Award will provide up to \$5,000 per successful application, and up to five (5) awards will be made for the 2021-2022 year. Applications may come from CLAS faculty members representing single departments or programs, or from interdisciplinary groups of CLAS faculty, with the goal of enhancing existing teaching innovations or developing brand new types of teaching innovations in CLAS disciplines.

Funding is meant to support the development or implementation of novel curricula or new instructional methods or technologies. **In all projects there should be a focus on innovation, development, and excellence in hybrid or remote pedagogies and course delivery formats, and the focus should be innovating *beyond what has been accomplished in the past year.*** Some examples of projects which this initiative could support are: new hybrid teaching models that create additional engagement and flexibility for students; novel ways to offer “hands on” learning; project-based online courses; problem-based learning in hybrid or online classrooms; course-based undergraduate research experiences; distance courses that target and/or capture new groups of students that are remote to Wayne State; 1-credit mini-courses or concentrated 6- or 8-week courses that monopolize on innovative pedagogies or online platforms; new summer intensive experiences for incoming students or special cohorts that rely on remote instruction; new virtual study abroad courses; new collaborative team-teaching across disciplines, colleges and schools, or institutions; or course-based scholarship on hybrid or remote teaching and learning. Applications should also align with CLAS goals of (1) supporting diversity, equity and inclusion, (2) improving undergraduate and graduate student success, (3) increasing chances for experiential learning, (4) increasing student and faculty engagement, (5) supporting high-quality teaching, and (6) improving enrollment and retention.

It is expected that each TIDE project shall be completed within 18 months from the date of award, and that most awardees will launch their proposed project in Winter or Spring/Summer 2022. Applicants are encouraged to consult with the Office of Teaching and Learning as they develop their project ideas, and awardees will be encouraged to meet with consultants at the Office of Teaching and Learning as they plan and launch their projects as well. TIDE awardees should be prepared to present their preliminary work approximately 6-12 months from the time of the award during a CLAS Faculty Assembly meeting or OTL workshop. Awardees will also be asked to submit a written report about the results and impact of these funds 18 months after the awards are disbursed.

#### **APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS:**

1. Project title
2. Team (PI, any Co-PIs with affiliations)
3. Abstract (100 words max)
4. Project Objectives/Goals
  - In this section please provide a description of the teaching innovation or development, and how it builds upon efforts to transform hybrid or remote learning during the pandemic, as well as the unmet need/challenge being addressed by the project. Please also provide a description of how the proposed teaching innovation or development will foster students' engagement with course content, with their instructor(s), and with other students in the course.
5. Project Work Plan
  - In this section please include a step-by-step description of how the innovation will be achieved, and the timeline of implementation (that includes the time required for securing the necessary approvals for any new courses or programs, if applicable). All project timelines should include a proposed launch and end date, and a description of major activities across the project time period.
6. Envisioned outcomes and impacts, within the context of CLAS goals specified above

7. Sustainability plan: How will the hybrid or remote teaching innovations be sustained beyond the initial funding period?
8. Assessment Plan: How will you evaluate whether the proposed innovations are effective?
9. CVs for all faculty members involved in the proposed project
10. Budget and budget justification (should include cost documentation)
  - All expenditures must be costs directly related to faculty teaching innovations in the hybrid or remote classroom. Applicants may ask for a range of costs to be covered, including but not limited to: curriculum development and/or curriculum revision, media and technology purchases and use, technology training, and summer salary for CLAS faculty who are project leads. Questions about allowable costs can be directed to Heather Dillaway at [dillaway@wayne.edu](mailto:dillaway@wayne.edu).)

Applications are due on **June 15, 2021**. Applications should not exceed five (5) single-spaced, typed pages (excluding coversheet, CVs, and budget). **Applications should be submitted in PDF format to Elizabeth Stone-Hall at [elizabeth.stonehall@wayne.edu](mailto:elizabeth.stonehall@wayne.edu).**

### **REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS AND FUNDING CRITERIA**

Review of applications will be conducted by an ad hoc subcommittee of faculty appointed by the CLAS Faculty Council and the CLAS Dean, in consultation with the Office of Teaching and Learning. This committee will recommend to the CLAS Dean which applications should be funded, based on:

- Innovation in hybrid or remote education (Does the proposed innovation push beyond accomplishments in the past year?)
- The significance of the project, including how the project's findings and materials can serve the Wayne State teaching/learning community (i.e., how Wayne State students and faculty will benefit from the proposed innovations)
- Feasibility of proposed innovations and work plan (including the viability of the timeline and budget)
- Sustainability of proposed innovations
- Alignment with CLAS goals as listed in the call for proposals

Awards will be competitive and not all applications will be funded. Preference will be given to applicants who have not won another internal teaching-related grant in the 2020-2021 year (e.g., the WSU Educational Development Grant or WSU Global Learning Fellowship). All full-time CLAS faculty (tenure stream or non-tenure stream) are eligible to apply. Awards will be announced by **July 15, 2021**.

Questions about the CLAS Teaching Innovation, Development and Excellence (TIDE) Award can be addressed to Heather Dillaway at [dillaway@wayne.edu](mailto:dillaway@wayne.edu).



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**Due JUNE 15, 2021, to [elizabeth.stonehall@wayne.edu](mailto:elizabeth.stonehall@wayne.edu)**

**APPLICATION COVER SHEET**

**Date of Application:**

**WSU Contact Information:**

**Contact Person:**

**Contact Person's Title at WSU:**

**Contact Person's Email:**

**Contact Person's Phone Number:**

**Contact Person's College/School:**

**Contact Person's Department or Program:**

**Proposal Information:**

**Title:**

**Total Budget Request:**

**Proposed Project Launch Date:**

**Signatures:**

**Signature of Contact PI:**

**Signature of Department Chair(s)/Director(s):**