

Innovation at Colorado College Faculty Grants

Innovation at Colorado College supports faculty members working on projects that align with Innovation's guiding questions in four major topic areas:

- **Creativity**
How might we use creative problem-solving methodologies to support our academic mission? How might we further engage students in creative processes and cultivate students' creative expression within classes?
- **Resilience**
How might we create experiences for students to take risks without fear of failure? How might we explore the relationship between research, creativity, play and risk-taking?
- **Mindfulness**
How might we address the cultural changes involving technology and distraction that negatively affect our ability to be present and do focused work?
- **Changemaker**
How might we prepare our students with the tool kits and capacities needed to face a rapidly changing world?

We encourage projects that allow faculty to:

- Develop creativity and mindfulness pedagogy within new or existing courses;
- Conduct research on creative practice, creative problem-solving and mindfulness within disciplines;
- Create new courses that place creative practice and mindfulness as foundational aspects;
- Diversify teaching practices: team-teach with visitors, faculty, or staff in other departments; or develop new Block courses;
- Involve visitors in class projects and assignments aligned with Innovation's guiding questions;
- Attend relevant workshops in creative pedagogy and mindfulness;
- Explore creative problem-solving in real world contexts;
- Develop pedagogy that takes theory into practice

Support for projects may include: replacement of course release, course development funds, research funds, honoraria for visitors, course materials support, and travel funds (e.g. for research or conferences).

- Requests of up to \$1,500 are reviewed on the last Tuesday of each Block. Awarded funds may be expended any time during the corresponding academic year.
- Requests of over \$1,500 are reviewed twice a year:
 - The last Monday of Block 3 (for second semester grants)
 - The last Monday of Block 8 (for first semester grants)

Application Guidelines

Please submit a proposal to Jessica Hunter-Larsen jhunterlarsen@coloradocollege.edu that includes the following information:

- 1) Your name, title, department, and type of project support (course development, visitor, travel, etc.)
- 2) Description of project;
 - a) Project's main purpose and objectives;
 - b) Explanation of how an Innovation grant will enable you to achieve your goals;
 - c) Amount of support requested and budget itemization;
 - d) Detailed timetable of the project schedule;
 - e) Explanation of how project aligns with Innovation's guiding questions
- 3) If requesting course release funds, please include a statement from your Department Chair or program director indicating their support of project and support for the release block. Innovation release blocks will be replaced at an assistant professor level, in consultation with the Dean.

Additional Information

- Faculty may contact Jessica Hunter-Larsen at any time to discuss ideas for projects
- Innovation at CC requests that grant recipients work with us to evaluate the project's impact.