



APPLICATION FOR A TEACHING IMPROVEMENT GRANT

FOR SUMMER 2006

DUE: September 19, 2006

Proposals are normally considered only in the fall for the following summer.

Please type or print:

Application Date: _____

Name(s): _____

Department(s) _____

Project Period: Starting on: _____ Completed by: _____

INDIVIDUAL GRANTS – up to a maximum of \$2,600 COLLABORATIVE GRANTS - amounts may vary depending on proposal

The focus for Teaching Improvement Grants (TIG) for 2005-06 is: Enhancing Student Oral Communication

From different sources (e.g., the 1995 Self-study visiting committee, prospective employers, and the 2000 Davidson College faculty retreat) we received the suggestion that we could do more in our courses to enhance the oral communication skills of our students. Hence, the Faculty Study and Research (FS&R) Committee will give priority to funding TIG applications with an emphasis on oral communication. You may want to consult with the Director of Communication Studies, Dr. Kathleen J. Turner. The committee will consider applications for both significantly revised courses and new courses. Examples of possible means to improve oral communication include:

1. Pedagogy that explores new ways of promoting and improving the quality of classroom interaction between the professor and the students. [Aimed at creating more articulate spontaneous responses.]
2. Courses that include student preparation for, reflection on, and assessment of oral communication assignments (in the form of student-led discussions, student lectures, presentations of research, etc.)
[Aimed at the assessment of characteristics and components of effective oral presentations.]

Proposals should emphasize the following:

- A. How oral communication skills will be enhanced with the new/revised course.
- B. Any expected use of technology, e.g. PowerPoint.
- C. Innovative or original aspects of the proposal.
- D. Mechanisms to export the “lessons learned” to other faculty.

Faculty who wish to collaborate should submit a joint application with a proposed budget. The budget proposal should include allocations for individual stipends as well as any expenses. Final amount of the award for joint applications will be determined by the FS&R Committee and will depend on the number of faculty collaborating and total number of awards made.

Awards will be primarily stipends. Please note that stipends are taxable income and as such will be reported to the IRS as faculty income. Taxes are withheld. Funds are deposited to the faculty member’s checking account.

Grants may also be applied (partially or fully) to specified expenses. Please include in the proposal an itemized estimate of any anticipated expenses.

A final written report on each project is due on or before September 15, 2006. The report should include your plans for sharing your project information/results with other Davidson faculty and a tentative date for the sharing session. The VPAA’s Office will help coordinate the “sharing” session and announce it to the faculty.

NB: To be eligible to apply for the grant the faculty member must be full-time in the current year and be returning as a full time faculty member in the year following the award period. Faculty receiving "Teaching Improvement Awards" are not eligible for regular Faculty Study & Research funds during the same summer.

Please attach the proposal to this cover sheet and complete the budget information below.

BUDGET:

Amount of stipend requested: \$ _____
(If for more than one faculty member, please indicate how the funds are to be allocated.)

Please itemize expenses: *(Use same guidelines for regular Faculty Study and Research Grants.)*

1. _____ \$ _____

2. _____ \$ _____

3. _____ \$ _____

If more than one faculty member is included in the proposal, please indicate who will be responsible for the expense budget.

Budget responsibility will be handled by: _____

TOTAL Requested: \$ _____

Grants generally will not exceed \$2600 unless more than one faculty member participates.