

Teaching and Learning Grant

The Center for Teaching Excellence and the Vice Provost for Instruction are offering a grant opportunity for faculty who complete the CTE's *Teaching and Learning Institute*. This funding opportunity is intended to support faculty who are interested in experimenting with new course designs, new teaching methods, or integrating new learning activities into their course(s). Faculty who attend the 2009 CTE *Teaching and Learning Institute* will be eligible for the grant. We are particularly interested in receiving proposals that intend to address one or more of the following:

- 1) Integration of a new course design, teaching method, or activities that are intended to promote student engagement and / or foster improved learning
- 2) Integrating formative assessment throughout one's course in an effort to collect data on the effectiveness of various course designs, teaching methods, and / or activities.

Grant applications will be evaluated by the CTE staff. General evaluation criteria include (but are not limited to) the potential for increasing student engagement, the improvement of student learning, the impact on instructional practices, and fulfilling other teaching/learning goals of the Strategic Plan 2020. Special consideration will be given to proposals that will seek to share the results of the project through research, white paper, presentation and publication related to teaching and learning.

Upon approval, grant recipients will receive support in the amount of \$500. The funds must be distributed by the end of the fiscal year – June 30th, 2009. Proposals are due in the Center for Teaching Excellence, Harris Hall, 5th floor— Suite 5116, by noon on Friday, July 17th, 2009. Notification of acceptance will occur no later than July 31st 2009. Any questions please contact Zachary Goodell by phone 827-0562 / zggoodel@vcu.edu or Jeff Nugent, 827-0563 / jsnugent@vcu.edu