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ETEAL Pedagogy Initiative Awards

Who can apply: All UNCW Faculty, staff, and administrators

A majority of ETEAL awards are granted to faculty, but we have also funded a number of excellent staff projects and collaborations between faculty, staff, and administrators. Collaborative, interdisciplinary teams usually fare better than single-authored proposals.

Funding available: up to $3,500.00 per award

In some cases, we may be able to provide more than $3,500.00 depending on our overall budget, the justification for the additional cost, and the merit of the project. Funding beyond $3,500.00 cannot be guaranteed, however, so if you request more than that amount, you should provide a contingent budget that only requests $3,500.00; otherwise we may be forced to reject your proposal due to budget constraints.

Award Requirements: Complete an Applied Learning Project and submit both Student and Instructor Reflections

At the beginning and the end of all ETEAL projects, students complete critical reflections to help them think more deeply and intentionally about the project and their own learning goals. At the end of the project, you will submit all of the reflections they completed throughout the course to ETEAL for our annual assessment. You also need to complete a brief Instructor Reflection, critically examining your own goals and lessons learned throughout the course of the project.

Example Projects:

- Redesigning a research methods course with an applied research project involving 30 undergraduates, guiding them through the process of designing and conducting original research on a community business or organization.
- Working with 8-10 graduate students in education to redesign evaluation standards for online courses at UNCW, or working as educational technology consultants to design curricular and classroom technology applications for stakeholders
- Developing a collaboration between multiple courses in Chemistry, Marine Biology, and Environmental Studies along with a local nonprofit to study the impact of plastic debris in the Atlantic Ocean.
- Purchasing an advanced 3D printer to teach Theatre students how to create props and costume pieces based on their original designs and matching techniques used in the professional world.
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SURCA (Support for Undergraduate Research and Creativity Awards)

Who can apply: Undergraduate students and their faculty mentors

SURCA projects usually take place over the Spring or Summer semesters. Because of the award requirements, only undergraduate students who are able to present at one of the UNCW Student Research Showcases are eligible for SURCA funding. This means that students with Summer SURCA projects must be returning in the Fall semester.

Funding Available: up to $5,000.00 per award

SURCA award funding is capped firmly at $5,000.00 and this funding may be distributed as follows:

- Mentoring Stipend: up to $1,500.00 total per project, to be divided between all faculty mentors and any graduate assistant mentors. Graduate assistants may only receive up to $1,000.00 of this total.
- Student Support: up to $3,500.00 total per project, divided between hourly pay for all students involved, supplies, and student travel.

Award Requirements: Conduct a Faculty-mentored undergraduate scholarly project, Student and Faculty Mentor reflections, Presentation at a UNCW Student Research Showcase

All SURCA students, both undergraduate and graduate, and all faculty mentors must complete a SURCA reflection at the conclusion of their project. In addition, all undergraduates are required to present their work one of the UNCW Student Research Showcases sponsored by CSURF, Honors, and Undergraduate Studies.

Example Projects:

- An undergraduate in Biology studying the spread of equine viruses as a part of their faculty mentor’s lab
- A team of undergraduates studying the impact of a community development project on the residents and businesses in the area
- A group of two undergraduates and their faculty mentors traveling abroad to study disaster preparedness and response strategies in Ecuador over the summer
- An undergraduate pursuing their research interest in the area of behavioral psychology with layered mentoring and guidance from both their faculty mentor and a graduate assistant mentor.

Sustainability 2.0 Awards

Who can apply: Previously funded ETEAL or SURCA awardees who have successfully completed all of the requirements of their awards.

Funding Available: Availability based on year-end budgets

Sustainability 2.0 Awards are offered in the event that funds are available at the end of a given Fiscal Year and the amount of funding available depends on the state of our annual budget. In 2016, Sustainability awards were offered up to the amount of $2,500.00 which would only be used for faculty stipends or supplies.

Award Requirements: Sustainability 2.0 project share the same requirements with ETEAL and SURCA awards. Because Sustainability 2.0 Awards represent a continuation, expansion, and/or enhancement of a prior ETEAL or SURCA project, they share the exact same requirements as their initial award.