

Academic Resources and Computing Committee Fall 2013 Call for Proposals

The Academic Resources and Computing Committee is soliciting competitive proposals for projects related to the use of technology in educational settings. This year includes a special call for faculty-led initiatives that position Weber State University as a leader in the innovative use of educational technology. The committee anticipates awarding 4-6 proposals totaling over \$21,000. ARCC's focus is on faculty-led initiatives that improve the educational experience for Weber State students. Proposals will be competitively evaluated based on the following four criteria:

1. **Educational Experience:** How does the proposed project enhance the educational experience of Weber State students? Specifically, how many students will the project impact?
2. **Innovation:** How does the proposed project help position Weber State as a leader in innovative use of technology for education? (Note: *experimental* projects with new technologies should consider applying for the Dee Technology Grant)
3. **Evaluation:** How will the proposed project's success be evaluated?
4. **Support:** Is there broad support for the project (through matching funds or collaborations)? Note: projects over \$5000 require matching funds.

All four criteria must be explicitly addressed in the proposal. In addition, the following guidelines apply:

- Projects requesting less than \$5000 do not require matching funds. Projects over \$5000 must have at least 50% of the total over \$5000 matched from other sources.
- To be considered for evaluation, proposals will include the signed cover-sheets, a detailed budget, a project timeline, as well as *no more than three-pages* summarizing the project and addressing the funding criteria outlined above.
- The proposals must be faculty-initiated projects. That is, no general, college-wide proposals will be accepted or reviewed. Collaborative proposals, including those between different departments and colleges, are encouraged.
- Proposals must be reviewed by the college's ARCC representative and the department chair. If matching funds are requested from the college, the dean's signature is also required.
- Proposals that receive an average score of 50 points or less based on the rubric will not be considered for funding. See the evaluation rubric for criteria.
- For certain projects an IT expert's signature is required. You must contact the appropriate individual if you are implementing a wireless network, multimedia classroom, software/hardware purchase that will require use of a campus server or work with online course software like WebCT Vista or Chi Tester. You must give time before the deadline -the recommendation is 3 weeks - for that person to do an evaluation.