Call for applications: Innovation Hub Transdisciplinary Program Planning Grants

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Purpose

As part of the Transformative Education 2.0 Purdue Move, and with generous financial support from the Lilly Endowment, the Office of the Provost/Innovation Hub (the Hub) invites applications for planning grants related to transdisciplinary experiences for students. The Hub is an engine and incubator for innovation in teaching and learning, supporting the Provost’s goal of making Purdue the most innovative residential learning program in the US among large research universities. One Hub priority is to foster the creation and delivery of transdisciplinary experiences for students, inclusive of classroom, laboratory, experiential (e.g. study abroad), and other educational initiatives.

Eligibility

All Purdue West Lafayette faculty and staff are eligible to apply to this opportunity. This RFP is a team-based planning grant, and teams of proposers must span at least two colleges within Purdue.

Program Description

Program priorities and goals. Proposals in any area of teaching and learning are welcome, but priority will be given to teams focused on undergraduate education. This planning grant opportunity is intended to provide teams the dedicated time to invest in design, creation, and execution of a transdisciplinary opportunity for students.

Program parameters and expectations. Grants up to $20,000 are available to support proposing teams, and all funds must be expended by August 15, 2023. Teams should agree on the specific spending plan, but we expect funds to be used for course buy-out during the academic year or summer salary support (for faculty), or overload pay (for staff). The final deliverable for each awardee team will be a brief (3 page) plan describing the details, including a timeline, of the transdisciplinary program they will deliver.

Application Process

Proposing teams must submit a written proposal for their project composed of:

- A proposal written using the supplied template (available on the program website), and including the required elements defined in the template. These include: title, team, a brief description of the benefits for students, and a project description and spending plan.
- A statement of commitment to delivering the first instance of the transdisciplinary program no later than Fall 2024.

Successful applicants will demonstrate their readiness to engage in sincere and dedicated planning to create and deliver a transdisciplinary experience for students. Submit applications as a single PDF document via the online submission portal by deadline stated on the program website.

We expect to notify awardee teams within 2 weeks of the proposal submission deadline.