2023-2024 Provost’s Common Curriculum COURSE REVISION Grant

The University Senate recently approved the new Common Curriculum (CC) for Leadership and Global Citizenship to launch in Fall 2025, and the time has come to start transitioning existing General Education courses into the new CC Topics of Inquiry (TOIs)! (For details of the approval, please see the University Senate CCC+ page).

In recognition that transition efforts will be labor-heavy undertakings, the Provost’s Office has made funds available to departments and units to aid in this work. There will be two separate grants available this year, one for revising existing courses that will transition to TOIs, and one for proposing brand new courses that will carry a TOI. This CFP is for course revisions, and it should be submitted on behalf of the department as a whole. (Please see the application for details on who can submit.)

In order to be considered for this funding, courses included in the application must:

- Currently exist and carry a CA1, CA2, CA3/CA3-L, CA4/CA4-I, or EL designation, OR
- Currently exist as a non-Gen Ed and plan to become part of the CC by adding a TOI

Courses listed in this application should be ones that need a significant amount of work in order to be revised from their current form/designation to a TOI. If a course will transition fairly easily with little revision, please do not include it.

NOTE: Courses that are only W or Q that will have no TOIs should not be included in this application. All courses proposed for this grant should carry one or two TOIs. The maximum number of TOIs a course can carry is two.

We highly encourage work on courses that:

A) Serve large numbers of students,
B) Are offered at multiple campuses, and/or
C) Will fulfill the new TOI-1 Creativity: Design, Expression, Innovation area

Application Submission
Each application should include:

1) Thorough but concise answers to the questions in the application form (see supplied form for technical guidelines and requirements)
2) A budget (using the supplied form) that gives a reasonably detailed explanation of how funds will be used
3) An emailed statement of support (see template) from the department or unit head of each dept/unit involved (i.e. a course that is cross-listed with another department should have two statements of support, etc.).

Due Date
Applications are due by 11:59pm on November 17, 2023.

Submission
An electronic copy of the proposal should be sent to commoncurr@uconn.edu with the Subject Line “Course Revision Application - Provost’s Common Curriculum Grant.”

Requirements for Awarded Proposals
Departments who receive funding for their proposal will still need to submit Curriculum Action Request (CAR) forms and full syllabi for the course revision approval process. Awardees will be encouraged to avail themselves of Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning resources in instructional design.

Timeline
Submission Deadline – November 17, 2023
Awards announced – By the end of January 2024
Funding sent to departments – February 2024
Course Action Request forms for revised courses submitted to CCC+ – By October 20, 2024
Courses fully approved by University Senate before February 5, 2025
Courses taught for the first time in revised format – Between AY 24-25 and AY 25-26

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