



Teaching Innovation Grants

Overview of Opportunities and Call for Proposals

These internal grant programs are offered annually, typically with a February deadline as specified in the call for proposals. The overall goal is to enrich learning experiences for students and foster a climate of teaching innovation; specifically, they support WPI educators to seed new initiatives in undergraduate and graduate education that meet identifiable needs at WPI. The [Morgan Teaching and Learning Center](#), the [Office of Undergraduate Studies](#), the [Academic Technology Center](#) (ATC), and the Educational Development Council (EDC) provide about \$150,000 in funding annually to three types of grants aimed at supporting new ideas, methods, or pedagogies that improve learning experiences for students in undergraduate and graduate education.

Teaching Innovation Grant (TIG) Information

These grant programs do not fund routine updating or renewal of courses, curricula, teaching methods or fund lab equipment. In addition, the review committee will prioritize proposals from individuals and teams with members who have not participated in TIGs previously.

Grant Opportunity	Funder(s)	Description
Professional Learning Communities (PLC)	EDC, ATC, Morgan Center	<p>A group of WPI community members <i>from multiple disciplines</i> engage in collegial inquiry, action, and collective learning around a central theme in pedagogical development or educational development and innovation.</p> <p>People can apply as individuals or teams for a particular PLC theme. The review committee selects a diverse PLC group from among the applicants.</p>
Course and Program Projects (CPP)	EDC, ATC, Morgan Center	<p>This grant mechanism is intended for applicants, either individuals or small groups, whose project is aimed at department or program-level impact rather than campus-wide impact.</p>
Summer Sandbox Grants	Undergraduate Studies	<p>These grants support faculty who will design and test new approaches to teaching and advising in an undergraduate course or project. This is an opportunity to use a summer course as a learning laboratory for the academic year.</p>

Eligibility and Limitations:

Grante eligibility for each type of grant is described in its respective call for proposal:

- Professional Learning Communities Call for Proposals
- Course and Program Projects Call for Proposals
- Summer Sandbox Grants Call for Proposals

There are no restrictions or limits on the number of proposals that an individual may submit or be part of, within a particular year or across years, if the submissions are for distinct projects. (Applicants should not submit the same project to more than one grant type in the same year.)

Review of Proposals

First and foremost, proposals are judged on their merits. When there are more worthy proposals than we can fund, we weigh multiple values: the desire to support many different faculty, recognition that a series of grants across years often fosters considerable professional growth for an individual faculty member, and the collective good that's generated from projects aligned with strategic directions.

