

## **Experiential-Learning Innovation Grant**

### Call for Proposals

**Timeline:**

Proposals are due November 10 for the following spring semester.

Proposals are due April 10 for the following summer/fall semester.

**Purpose:**

Experiential-learning provides students with opportunities to apply knowledge and conceptual understanding to real-world situations or problems and helps to prepare them for future careers or civic engagement. Experiential-Learning Innovation Grants will be made available to FHSU faculty or staff for the following purposes:

- Implementation of an experiential-learning component into an existing course or activity that has not previously included an experiential-learning activity; or
- Enhancement of an existing course or activity with an experiential-learning component already in place.

**Eligibility:**

Funds are available on a competitive basis to all FHSU faculty and staff members in any campus unit and activities should support course curriculum, competencies, goals, and student learning outcomes for undergraduate or graduate students. Experiential-learning will be recognized as:

- skilled or unskilled internship;
- apprenticeship;
- service-learning at a community site;
- research or other creative activities that meet a community need;
- co-curricular activities to enhance student experiences outside the classroom;
- activities that support FHSU's mission to develop globally engaged citizen leaders.

**Funding:**

Allowable expenses for funds include, but are not limited to: instructional books, materials and supplies, and travel affiliated (when it is allowed) with completing the project; hosting guest speakers on campus as part of the project; or attending academic conferences to present the project. The committee encourages faculty and staff to purchase items that can be re-used for experiential-learning projects within their units.

Employee stipends, student incentives, recognition banquets, and clothing are not considered eligible expenses.

All projects are assumed to bring something unique to the student experience and will be considered on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Experiential-Learning Committee.

**Award Amounts:**

Project Implementation Funds – \$500.00/semester

Project Enhancement Funds – \$250.00/semester

*All funding provided through this request is reimbursement.*

**Guidelines:**

1. Projects must be time-limited and focused.
2. All projects must incorporate a reflection component to connect learning or experiences to course curriculum, competencies, goals, and student learning outcomes. Reflection should provide students with opportunities to analyze and draw lessons from their experience throughout the semester.
3. Preference will be given to faculty or staff who have not previously received FHSU experiential-learning funding.
4. Projects that meet a community need will be given priority.

Applications from all FHSU modalities are encouraged (i.e., FHSU Campus, FHSU online, international partnerships).

**Proposal Details:**

Submit a proposal in [Word Forms](#) by the due date outlined in the timeline. Upload within the Form a combined PDF file with the following components:

- Proposal:
  - Description of the experiential-learning project/activity
  - Description of the reflection experience
  - Description of student learning goals
- Budget:
  - Detailed, itemized list of budget items
  - Brief budget narrative connecting budget items to proposal
- Course syllabus (if applicable):
  - Proposals that include course-based experiential-learning activities must include a course syllabus. **Highlight** the information about the experiential-learning activity and reflection component.

**Featured Awardees:**

For inspiration, browse the most recent awardees on the [Civic Learning & Engagement website](#).

**Contact:**

If you have any questions, please reach out to Experiential Learning Committee Chair, Lori Kniffin, [Lekniffin@fhsu.edu](mailto:Lekniffin@fhsu.edu), or your representative on the [Experiential Learning Committee](#).