WSU accepts Smith Teaching and Learning Grant applications through March 18

PULLMAN, Wash.—Washington State University faculty with innovative ideas to enhance student learning are encouraged to apply by March 18 for a Smith Teaching and Learning Grant of up to $7,000, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education Mary F. Wack announced.

Faculty, including those who are clinical-track and instructors, from all campuses are eligible. They must have instructional responsibilities and a half-time or more appointment, with continuing employment in 2019-20. They cannot have received this grant in the past four years.

Applicants must be endorsed by their chair, and need to provide a wide variety of information in their proposal. They must answer questions such as “What identified pedagogical or curricular issue will be addressed?,” “To what departmental undergraduate assessment data does your project respond?,” and “What work will be undertaken within a defined budget and timetable?.”

“We have had the pleasure of awarding Smith grants to dozens of WSU educators for more than a decade,” said Wack. “Their diverse creative projects have resulted in educational advances and new programs and pedagogies across the university. As a result of the Smith grants, thousands of undergraduates have benefitted from transformative educational experiences.

“We anticipate receiving excellent proposals this year and look forward to discovering what fresh new ideas will come forward.”

Those selected to receive the awards will get word in late April. The funds can be used as summer salary. Awardees must submit a final project report by Aug. 15, 2020.

The Samuel H. and Patricia W. Smith Teaching and Learning Endowment was established in 2000 when WSU President Smith retired after 15 years of service to the university. The fund’s purpose is to recognize and reward innovative ideas to enhance teaching and learning at WSU.

Complete information is available on the webpage at https://vpue.wsu.edu under the “faculty grants” tab.