

Creativity, Innovation, and Interdisciplinarity in Learning Grant Program

College of Fine Arts (CoFA)

Purpose: These annual awards provide financial support for CoFA faculty members to devise new ways of developing interdisciplinary connections between different units within the College via one or more of the following:

- Designing a new course (or overhauling an existing course) to emphasize interdisciplinarity;
- Offering new opportunities for interdisciplinarity beyond the classroom;
- Instituting new co-curricular programs that address interdisciplinarity;
- Developing new initiatives (such as a web-based resources) to enhance interdisciplinary teaching across departments

Specifically, each proposed project must address how it will develop and/or enhance students' interdisciplinary investigation/expression and should include the following in the required prospectus:

- How well does the proposed project improve students' ability to undertake interdisciplinary inquiry? What will students create that exemplifies interdisciplinarity?
- How will the award funds contribute directly to the cultivation of interdisciplinary inquiry and expression?
- What concepts from current research on interdisciplinarity will you reference and employ (please attach a relevant bibliography)?

Eligibility: Open to all full-time CoFA faculty members.

Award: There will be three awards of \$2500 each, to be used for project-related expenses only (not as salary). Possible uses of these funds include, but are not limited to, the purchase of books and other instructional materials (including computer hardware or software), hiring a student assistant, inviting a consultant to campus, and travel to professional meetings or workshops.

Funds will available from June 1 onward and must be used during the fiscal year (June 1 – May 31).

Requirements: During the year for which the grant is awarded, recipients will be expected to design their proposed project, prepare an implementation plan, and present the project publicly to a CoFA audience. This presentation will also address how the project improves students' capacity for creativity and innovation or interdisciplinary inquiry.

Application: Applications, submitted electronically to the Dean's office (t.fear@tcu.edu), must include a completed grants cover sheet, a CV, a prospectus (three single-spaced pages maximum) describing the proposed project and its impact on students' interdisciplinary investigation/expression, and a brief

statement of how the award funds would be used. The application must be accompanied by expressions of commitment from all contributors to the project (these can be in the form of email attachments).

Application deadline is the first Monday of April. The selection process, including an interview with the Dean when warranted, will be concluded by the end of the fiscal year.

Reporting: A project report must be submitted to the Dean by the end of the final's week in the spring semester of that academic year.