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Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce a combined call for proposals for the **Innovative Instruction Technology Grants (IITG)** and **Open Educational Resources** Impact Grants which are funding opportunities designed to foster academic innovation.

The proposal process has been redesigned to encourage faculty and staff to connect beyond departmental and campus boundaries to pilot, share, and scale-up transformative teaching and learning practices connected to the Chancellor's strategic four pillar objectives and our shared commitment for leading sustainable, impactful innovations that return value by multiple measures. These competitive seed grant programs will also focus on how these program objectives can be supported by focusing on:

> (1) optimizing artificial intelligence (AI) for teaching and learning, and/or
> (2) expanding support for the adoption of open educational resources (OER).

The two-stage proposal solicitation is detailed on the IITG website. First, we will solicit descriptions of high-level ideas via a brief application similar to a Letter of Intent (LOI), followed by town hall style meetings (participation in one of several offered is a requirement). The goal is to use these meetings to foster more cross-campus communities. The second stage is for groups who may have identified common goals to submit an RFP to execute the proposal.

I ask that you review and broadly share this funding opportunity with your faculty, instructional support staff, and campus administrators. Applicants will need to create an account in the SUNY online grant management website. Multiple applications from a campus are welcome. The key dates are as follows:

- The LOI website opens Thursday, December 14 through Wednesday, January 17.
- Town Hall meetings will commence the weeks of January 29 and February 5
- RFP site opens simultaneously with town hall meetings (no later than February 1)
- RFP deadline: Sunday, March 17 at 11:59pm.

Announcements of awards will be made during the 2024 SUNY CIT Conference hosted by the University at Buffalo. Recipients must follow state and campus procurement policies and will need to identify local campus administrative and procurement support if a project requires expenditures prior to funds distribution. As is the tradition with these SUNY seed fund programs, outcomes must be openly shared under a Creative Commons license.

Additional communication will be forthcoming via the IITG website, as well as through normal SUNY and FACT[2] communication channels. In the interim, please do not hesitate to contact our team at iitgrants@suny.edu with any questions.

We look forward to reviewing your proposals!

Sincerely,
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