

Guidelines for Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) Grants

Teaching and Learning Center

of Kansas State University

The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) is the process by faculty members engaged in “growth in one’s own teaching, growth in dialogue with others about teaching and learning in the discipline, and growth in the scholarship of teaching-developing scholarly knowledge with substantial impact in both the disciplinary and institutional settings” (McKenney, 2007, p. 6).

The Center is beginning a grant program to promote the SoTL at Kansas State University. We will provide funding to encourage and support scholarly activities related to teaching, learning and/or assessment of student learning. Our goal is to acknowledge outstanding SoTL efforts and success across the K-State community. Faculty members interested in SoTL are encouraged to apply.

The Grant Project through the Center will provide the following:

1. Five grants, from \$3000 to \$5000 each, will be awarded for this academic year, 2013-2014, supporting the scholarship of teaching and learning with emphasis on brain research information from the David Sousa book, *How the Brain Learns*.
2. First Priority will be given to SoTL grants that also include brain research as it effects teaching and learning.
3. Faculty are encouraged to include graduate students as collaborators when appropriate.
4. A project summary/termination report is required. This report will be posted on the Center’s webpage. We will provide guidelines to those faculty who receive a SoTL grant as to suggestions for this report.
5. Those faculty who receive one of the Center’s SoTL grants will discuss their work at the Annual Teaching Retreat sponsored by the Teaching and Learning Center.
6. Proposals are due on November 8, 2013, for funding beginning Spring 2014. The Spring date for proposals is April 11, 2014, for funding beginning Fall 2014.
7. A panel of K-State faculty engaged in teaching and learning opportunities through the Center including those in Faculty Exchange for Teaching Excellence (FETE), New Faculty Institute (NFI), Peer Review of Teaching, and faculty members who have been awarded recognition for their teaching excellence will comprise the review board.

Award Process:

1. Submission will include the faculty member's vita, a summary of teaching accomplishments including scholarly activities in teaching, learning, and an interest in brain research including ways to teach for the brain to optimally learn.
2. Any teaching faculty at K-State are eligible to apply.
3. Proposals are due November 8, 2013, and are to be submitted electronically to our Center email: catl@ksu.edu
4. Grants will be announced by December 2, 2013, to be implemented beginning Spring semester, 2014. Grants to be implemented beginning Fall 2014 will be announced May 9, 2014.