

## Mini Grant Opportunities at FLC!

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FLC Colleagues,

Our community is comprised of creative individuals who are committed to being student-centered and have great ideas for new student programs and projects. However, oftentimes the funding needed to make those ideas become a reality is minimal or non-existent. We want these possibilities to become realities so we are excited to announce new funding for mini-grants that will incentivize cross-campus collaborations, faculty and staff partnerships, and interdisciplinary approaches that are student-centered. As we've seen, this year's students are attending campus activities and events in record numbers, and we want to generate exciting new programs that will continue that engagement (and thus increase retention). We believe these new mini-grants will positively impact the overall Skyhawk student experience!

Please see the mini-grant descriptions below and the attached application forms for important information about this new opportunity. For this first round of funding, applications are **due October 29**, to be submitted to [Allison Riggs](#) as an email attachment.

### Mini-Grant Criteria

- Mini-grants fund the creation of new student-centered programs or projects for 2022 implementation, with the hope they will be repeated or continued.
  - projects should be implemented for students in Spring 2022 or Summer 2022 (including a new May-term intensive one week/one credit option)
  - we predict a second round of funding for Fall 2022 projects
  - proposals not selected in the first round will be given consideration in the second round, or when additional funding becomes available
- Two or more departments/offices and/or student organizations may collaborate and share a mini-grant.
- Faculty and staff are highly encouraged to partner to create interdisciplinary projects for optimal engagement.
- Priority consideration will be given to high impact practices that target student retention and proposals that include collaborations across campus.
- Using the attached application form, each proposal should include a brief narrative, budget, measurable outcomes/assessment plan and marketing plan.
- Project completion evaluations will include assessment of results for funded proposals.
- Proposals may include curricular innovations; events, activities, or workshop series; student development or leadership initiatives; among many other ideas.
- Proposal funding can support project materials, fees, travel, food, and other student-centered expenses.

### Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Fund (Maximum award of \$5,000 per project)

- Funding is available for initiatives in support of Fort Lewis College's DEI plan
- Examples: Increase DEI awareness campus-wide, create speaker series, sponsor focus and discussion groups, etc.

**Community Service and Connection Fund** (Maximum award of \$5,000 per project)

- Funding is available for initiatives in support of Community Service
- Examples: Get Out the Vote, National Service Days, Alternative Spring Break programs, May-term service projects, etc.

*In addition to the two mini-grants above, note that we have a new student fund, which has a separate application.*

**Student Development Fund** (Maximum award of \$500 per student)

- Funding is available for student travel, professional certifications, or professional development workshops/conferences.

Begin brainstorming now--and we look forward to receiving your applications on October 29! Stayed tuned for future development as we finalize details as well as call for volunteers to serve on the grant award committees. Our students will benefit from the many exciting projects ahead!

Sincerely,

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