

University of Alaska Southeast
Office of the Provost
UAS Academic Innovation Fund – AY 2021

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the UAS Academic Innovation Fund is to support instructional innovation and to enhance the quality of teaching, scholarship, assessment, and community engagement at UAS. It is designed to encourage faculty and staff in projects and activities that support our UAS mission, with a special focus on our core theme of enhancing teaching and learning. The Fund enables faculty and staff at all three UAS campuses to develop and implement projects and activities for which more conventional funding sources may not be available. Examples of activities the Fund seeks to encourage include:

- Development of new and creative instructional pedagogies
- Enhancement of tools and techniques for student learning and retention
- Expanded inclusion of Southeast Alaska cultures, languages, and arts in our UAS curriculum
- Exploration and experimentation with emerging learning technologies
- Participation in workshops, trainings, or conferences that enrich curricular offerings, including in career education
- Improve access to services in support of student success

FUNDING:

Faculty or staff may submit proposals for funding up to a maximum of \$1,600 in one fiscal year. Proposals will be reviewed by the Provost for alignment with our UAS Strategic and Assessment Plan and the purpose of the Fund (see above).

ELIGIBILITY:

Proposals may be submitted by any fulltime UAS faculty or staff member. Proposers are expected to consult with their dean or director about their idea prior to submittal. Awards cannot be used to complete a degree. If applicants receive funding for the same projects from other sources, they must disclose this in their proposal. Applicants may apply for only one Academic Innovation Fund award in the same fiscal year.

INFORMATION SHARING REQUIREMENT:

All funding recipients will be required to provide a summary report before the end of the spring semester, and to share the results of their projects in a substantive manner—e.g. with colleagues at Convocation, at a school-wide meeting, or at a similar professional or public event.

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS:

Project proposals must be made in writing to the Provost and must not exceed 2 pages. Proposals should include:

Proposal Section	Information Requested
Project Summary	Succinct description of the proposed project and a statement of how it supports the UAS Strategic & Assessment Plan (mission and one or more core themes)
Goals & Objectives	Indicate the project goals and objectives and the relative timelines for the project or activity.
Assessment	Describe how the project will be assessed to determine if its goals and objective have been met.
Budget	Prepare a budget (not to exceed \$1,600) clarifying how the funds will be used.
Results Reporting and Communication	Provide information about how the results of the project/activity will be shared with others.

Proposals should be submitted after 8/9/2020 to uas.provost@alaska.edu. The Provost will review proposals and decide whether to fund within four weeks. Funded projects are expected to be completed, and all funds expended, before the end of the fiscal year. For further information, contact the Provost's Office at the email address above.