UNLV Mission Fulfillment Grants and Accreditation Awards

UNLV is pleased to announce a new opportunity for university accreditation assessment grants and awards. The purpose of the Mission Fulfillment Grants and Accreditation Awards are:

* To encourage campus-wide participation in the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) accreditation process that will be the foundation of UNLV's NWCCU Mid-Cycle report in spring 2020 and continue through the Year 7 Mission Fulfillment self-study in 2024.
* To recognize, reward and encourage the development of innovative projects that focus on mission fulfillment at the course, program, or institutional level.

1. Mission Fulfillment Grants

These grants are up to $1,500 and are renewable up to 2 times. The proposals are   
 due March 1st each year.

Proposals for these awards focus on projects that will assess course, program, and/or institutional core theme goals. These projects may be planned for the near future, but must be fully implemented by 2023 to be included in the NWCCU Mission Fulfillment & Sustainability self-study.

Project leaders *may* be asked to discuss the project with NWCCU evaluators at the Mid-Cycle evaluation visit in fall 2020, but should be fully prepared to meet with NWCCU evaluators during the fall 2024 on-campus Mission Fulfillment & Sustainability Evaluation.

Possible examples:

* Implementation of an intervention designed to address retention issues within a unit.
* Purchase of exams/other instruments to assess factors related to student success.
* Scoring of student work samples to address program outcomes/UULOs.

1. Accreditation Awards

These awards are a one-time award up to $2,500. The proposals are due March 1st   
 each year.

These awards focus on projects that will assess course, program, and/or institutional goals. The projects should be fully implemented by fall 2020. Project leaders should be prepared to discuss the project with NWCCU evaluators at the Mid-Cycle evaluation visit in fall 2020.

Accreditation Awards are different from Mission Fulfillment Grants in that they are given for generally larger-scale, fully developed efforts to assess mission fulfillment (at any level). These initiatives demonstrate the use of data to drive decision-making, and usually include multiple stakeholders.

Possible examples:

* A regular, organized event is held, in which students, faculty, alumni, employers, and community members gather together to discuss student learning outcomes and to set goals for the program.
* A larger-scale and/or longitudinal effort to score student work samples with an emphasis on the use of the information gathered from analyses.

1. Eligibility:

* Mission Fulfillment Grant and Accreditation Award recipients must identify a departmental contact who will be responsible for completing and submitting an interdepartmental requisition form (IDR) request to Mary Brady ([mary.brady@unlv.edu](mailto:mary.brady@unlv.edu)).
* The Office of Academic Assessment will contact Chairs and Deans for approval after submission of your application.
* All recipients agree to have their application materials submitted as part of UNLV’s NWCCU accreditation self-study.
* All recipients agree to be available to discuss their projects with NWCCU evaluators during future evaluations.

1. Criteria:

* Principal Investigator must be a full-time UNLV faculty/staff member. Participants in the project can be at any level within the UNLV community (Part-time instructors, graduate students, etc.).
* Members of the evaluation committee will evaluate applications based on:
* Scope of the proposal as it relates to mission fulfillment at UNLV.
* Innovation. Does the project fill a need at the program/university level?
* Use of data. Is there a focus on using findings to inform decisions that drive mission fulfillment at any level (course, program, institution)?
* Engagement: While individual projects will be considered, projects that engage larger groups of stakeholders including faculty, staff, students and/or community members will be given more weight.
* For Mission Fulfillment Grants: Appropriate use of funds: Are funds used for items or activities directly related to mission fulfillment?

1. Requirements:

* Applications should include the following:
* Proposal summary that addresses the criteria above.
* Detailed description of the proposed project not to exceed 5 pages, uploaded as a Word document or PDF.
* For Mission Fulfillment Grants: Include a detailed budget that includes all sources of funding, including proposed funds from Mission Fulfillment Grants.

1. Evaluation Procedure:

An evaluation team composed of UNLV accreditation committee members will review all Accreditation Award & Mission Fulfillment Grant applications in March. Committee members will use an online voting system to evaluate each application on the criteria listed above.

The submission portal is located here: [https://sites.google.com/unlv.edu/accreditationawardgrant](https://www.google.com/url?q=https://sites.google.com/unlv.edu/accreditationawardgrant&sa=D&source=hangouts&ust=1575417522149000&usg=AFQjCNFPKyfLwppuu2D-xu_uXuS05QD_Hw)

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