Limited-duration Grant-funded Special Assignments

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Department/Office: Distance Education

Grant Duration: From August 2025 To August 2026

Project Title AI Grand Challenge Grant

Project Description (Add pages, if needed)

Dear AFA colleagues,

In June, I submitted this Grant-funded Special Assignments form regarding the potential collaboration with Sonoma State University on a grant submission for the AI Grand Challenge Grant. We now have more details about that grant and are providing them for you here and in the attached document.

Attached is an updated and expanded AI Grant Proposal (still in Draft form) written by the SSU Grant PI's.

As a summary, the grant would involve creating a Faculty Learning Community (FLC) consisting of faculty teaching any of the targeted English Composition courses. These faculty would then attend orientation meetings, training sessions, etc. in order to learn about the use of AI and specific AI software in their courses. They would then use what they learned to create assignments that incorporated AI, and work with their students to understand and use AI and the AI software each semester, providing feedback to the grant leaders. At the end of the first year, faculty and the grant coordinators would complete an evaluation of the project and associated student outcomes. In the second year, the program would take on a "train-the-trainer" model where faculty from the first year would work with a new set of faculty to replicate the first-year process.

See this website for grant guidelines: https://calearninglab.org/ai-challenge/

Compensation Structure (Add pages, if needed)

Each faculty participant in this grant project would receive approximately 30 hours of compensation at their Base Hourly Rate for each term/semester that they participate in the grant, based on available grant funding. We anticipate enough funding for 10 faculty a year.

Selection Process (Add pages, if needed)

A solicitation will be sent to all faculty currently teaching the targeted English Composition courses. Potentially ENGL 1A, ENGL 1B, ENGL 5, and ENGL 50 would be invited to participate. A selection committee will chose the 10, if more than 10 apply. DE Director, Dean, and English Dept. Chair.

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