GUIDELINES

INTRODUCTION

The story of learning and teaching at CDU is a story of innovation. The use of multiple modes of delivery, across multiple locations and online, and using state of the art technologies and practices has characterised CDU from the outset.

Continuing innovation is critical to CDU’s future success – particularly as more universities are developing their online capacity. The Innovation@CDU- SAF Grants Program is intended to foster innovation in learning and teaching and responds to the commitment, enthusiasm and creativity of the CDU community. These grants are designed to fund innovative, inclusive and lateral ideas, to support risk-taking and to foster collaboration between groups with shared interests and challenges within the University.

The University’s successful Structural Advancement Fund (SAF) bid was to support a major expansion of CDU’s flexible learning approach tailored to the specific needs of a student cohort balancing work and study commitments. SAF is funding a range of projects in this regard, including this Innovation@CDU- SAF Grants Program.

Recipients of 2013 Innovation@CDU-SAF grants and the results of their project can be viewed www.cdu.edu.au/about/saf-grants-program/final-reports.

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Applications for funding up to $10,000 per project will be considered. The total value of grants awarded in 2014 may be up to $100,000.

These grants build upon the Vice-Chancellor’s Innovation@CDU grants (see www.cdu.edu.au/about/innovationcdu-grants-program) but are additional and separate to those grants.

PROJECT SCOPE EXAMPLES

Individual or group projects will be considered that have the capacity to improve learning and teaching at CDU. Projects could, for example, relate to innovation in:

1. advancing on-campus teaching quality;
2. improving the usefulness and timeliness of feedback to students on their assessed work;
3. utilising learning technologies in ways that are time-effective and cost-effective;
4. developing interactive online learning resources;
5. online academic security;
6. strengthening the way that CDU’s teaching partnerships operate;
7. enabling and promoting new pathways between VET and HE courses.
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Other areas of innovation will be considered and applications are encouraged. Projects may run for a matter of weeks or months but are expected to be completed by the end of November 2014.

ELIGIBILITY

All staff of CDU (including MSHR) and staff at BIITE, MEGA and ATMC involved in the provision of CDU higher education courses, are eligible to apply for Innovation@CDU-SAF Grants. Staff may include students in the project team, but the Lead Proponent must be a CDU staff member.

CRITERIA

Innovation@CDU-SAF grant applications will be assessed on the following criteria:

1. The project is innovative and demonstrates originality.
2. The project will demonstrably improve student learning opportunities and experiences.
3. The proposal shows awareness of appropriate benchmarks and initiatives elsewhere.
4. The project has potential to be mainstreamed into the University locally or across the institution and outcomes will create beneficial change.
5. The project links to the Strategic Plan 2012-2014 and priorities of the University (including those in the Learning & Teaching Plan 2012-2014).
6. The proponents have the support of their local supervisor(s) and area manager(s).
7. The proposal evidences collaboration, or in the case of individual projects can demonstrate that outcomes will benefit more than just the applicant.
8. The proposal is realistic in the context of the available resources, including staff and student time and commitments.

PROCESS

Grant applications will be assessed by a SAF Innovation Grants panel comprising the Pro Vice-Chancellor Academic and the Leader, Online Innovative Projects.

Step One: Applicants will need to complete the Innovation@CDU-SAF Expression of Interest Form and submit it electronically to Janet.Sincock@cdu.edu.au by 13 June 2014.

Step Two: Short-listed projects may be required to provide clarification and/or any detail the Panel needs to finalise assessments.

Step Three: Successful applicants will be announced by Friday, 30 June 2014.

Step Four: Successful applicants will need to submit a brief (one page) Implementation Report six weeks from confirmation of funding to demonstrate that projects are on-track and to highlight any challenges or issues.
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**Step Five:** A Final Report (one page), due by Friday, 5 December 2014, will succinctly outline the main outcomes of the project and highlight the benefits for CDU.

**Step 6:** A showcase event for successful projects will be held in 2015 so that project outcomes/results are communicated to and celebrated by the wider CDU community.

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