

## **The University of Cincinnati Support Sustainability Course Development Program**

### **OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM**

The objective of this program is to encourage sustainability education by funding either: 1) enhancing existing courses to include significant sustainability content; or 2) developing new courses that have considerable sustainability content. For the purposes of the program, sustainability courses are defined as follows:

*Courses related to sustainability broadly cover aspects associated with the interconnection of environmental, social, and economic impacts, or deeply explore the specifics associated with one of these three sustainable development impact areas. Sustainability is broadly defined as the ability of the continued maintenance of ecosystem integrity (environment) recognizing that the human population (society) is a subset of the overall ecosystem and that our policies associated with the distribution of wealth and natural resources (economics) are inexorably linked to the environment.*

The expectation is that the courses enhanced or developed will be taught for several years (a minimum of two). The application requires a signature from the Unit Head, indicating that the course will initially be offered within one calendar year of the proposal being funded.

### **EXAMPLES OF WHAT AWARDS ARE INTENDED TO SUPPORT**

- Professional development (e.g., training courses, specialized conferences, professional meetings related to sustainability) and/or
- Introducing new technology into courses that support sustainability content.

### **PROGRAM DETAILS**

- 2020 submissions open March 30, 2020.
- The submission deadline for the first round of proposals is May 1, 2020.
- If funds remain after the initial set of proposals have been selected for funding, additional proposals will be accepted on a rolling basis.

- Any UC faculty member who teaches is eligible to apply.
- Courses must include a detailed course evaluation from students at their conclusion to inform potential enhancements to the course.
- The average award is \$500 - \$1,000.
- Total funds available to support this effort are \$5,000 a year for three years, for a total of \$15,000, provided by The President's Advisory Council on the Environment and Sustainability.
- Proposals should not request more than \$1,000 (except under exceptional circumstances).
- E-mail the attached one-page application form (in PDF format) with a signature from the Unit Head (see page three of this document for application form) to Chris Auffrey, [Chris.Auffrey@uc.edu](mailto:Chris.Auffrey@uc.edu).
- Funding decisions will be made by May 18, 2020.

For more information on this opportunity, contact Chris Auffrey,  
[chris.auffrey@uc.edu](mailto:chris.auffrey@uc.edu).

**The University of Cincinnati**  
**Application for Funds to Support Sustainability Course Development**

Name:

Title:

College:

Department/Unit/Division:

Course name:

Amount of funds requested:

Description of how you intend to use the funds to either enhance an existing course or develop a new course (1000 word maximum):

In 1000 words or less, briefly describe the sustainability content or framework(s) you intend to incorporate into your course.

What year(s) and semester(s) will the course be offered?

Faculty signature and date:

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Department Chair signature and date:

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