Purpose

CLA invites proposals for students to use CLA technology fee funds on projects which promote technology in class projects and research. The goal of CLA in using student-generated technology dollars is to enhance the students’ learning experience, enable student research to incorporate state-of-the-art technology and applications, and introduce students to the most current technology used in their respective fields. All students with a major or minor in a CLA department and who are enrolled full-time are eligible to apply. Students are asked to provide the course number or faculty sponsor associated with their project.

Proposals for all types of technology projects are invited, however, those with the greatest impact upon CLA students and which cannot be funded out of departmental or research funds will be given higher priority. Grants may be awarded to provide for infrastructure that directly benefits students such as a facility, hardware, software or media. Expenditures for an indirect cost associated with a direct benefit may also apply. These expenditures generally fall into the category of training, support (e.g. cost of a programmer) or development. Examples of projects: incorporating websites or multi-media into a class or senior project; creating a CD or website reference for a course or program; equipment and software purchases for a student project, travel to a conference in which the student will demonstrate his/her project incorporating innovative technology, and use of programmers or developers to enhance a project.

Grants are for the reimbursement of costs incurred in your technology project. Typical projects would fall into the range of $150 – $3000. Grants will not cover salary, but may include fees for the use of programmers, developers, etc., with specialized expertise in the project area. Students will be asked to provide a product upon completion of their project in the form of a presentation, conference poster, written report, or other product pre-approved by the Technology Grants Committee (please describe on application).

Selection Process

Awards will be prioritized and granted based on the following review criteria: adherence to the above recommendations, quality of the project, need for CLA technology resources, number of students benefiting from the project, uniqueness or innovation of project, and availability of funds.

Proposals should be submitted to the CLA Technology Director, Peter Angelos. Applications will be accepted at any time. The applications will be reviewed on a monthly basis by member(s) of the CLA Technology Advisory Committee with recommendations provided to the CLA Dean to award funding.

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