

Rolling Beyond the Classroom Faculty and Staff Grant

The Center for Integrative and Experiential Learning (CIEL) is offering rolling beyond the classroom grants to faculty and staff involved in 4-year degree programs at USC Columbia and Palmetto College campuses to support smaller one-time beyond the classroom engagements as part of a course or program. Grants of up to \$300 will be provided to proposals that promote engaging students beyond the classroom and encouraging reflection on those engagements. Possible engagements could include tickets to a museum or event, van rental or other transportation logistics, funding for a speaker, or materials for a project. Participants may apply each year, but priority will be given to those who have not yet received a grant.

Grant Details

Up to \$300 to create one-time, beyond the classroom experiences for students in courses or programs.

Faculty and staff recipients should provide their receipts to their office/department business managers. Business managers should then get in touch with the CIEL Experiential Learning Coordinator with the exact reimbursement amount. CIEL will then transfer the funds (up to \$300) to the recipient's office or department.

Who Can Apply

Full-time faculty and staff that work with students in 4-year degree programs at USC Columbia and Palmetto College campuses.

How to Apply

Complete the [Formstack](#) application on CIEL's Faculty/Staff Toolbox webpage, including justification for the project and a budget outline. Faculty and staff should apply for these grants at least four (4) weeks before the Beyond the Classroom field trip/excursion, and the engagement should be completed within that same academic year as one applies. Awardees will be notified of acceptance within two weeks of applying. Funds will be transferred directly to their department or division once receipts have been submitted.

Proposal Evaluation

Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee consisting of the CIEL Faculty Executive Director, QEP Director, Experiential Learning Coordinator, and the QEP Outreach Coordinator. If you have questions, contact Deidra Pompey, Experiential Learning Coordinator for CIEL, dpompey@sc.edu or 803-576-5505.

Grant Awardee Requirements

- Implement the Beyond the Classroom engagement within the same year as application submitted.
- Engage students in reflection during and/or after the engagement based on the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) learning outcomes.
- Complete a survey on this grant program's effectiveness and the strengths and

weaknesses of integrative and experiential learning strategies explored.

- Share grant-related activities and results by providing materials for the CIEL website, IEL repository, presenting at the Center for Teaching Excellence, or otherwise supporting colleagues interested in learning from the grantee's experience.
- Provide access to student artifacts (e.g., submitted student work) based upon the assignment aligned with the QEP learning outcomes to help support institutional assessment efforts.

Support for Faculty Grantees

- Assistance with logistics for the excursion/field trip from CIEL.
- Assistance identifying relevant experiences and subsequent activities (such as student reflection) that foster connections.
- Assistance with office-to-office transfer as part of the reimbursement process.