

**Entrepreneurship and Innovation Curriculum Grant**

***REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
Deadline: November 10, 2014***

**Purpose:** This is the latest round of funding designed to provide faculty and departments with funds for curriculum development so that concepts associated with entrepreneurship and innovation can be integrated into the curriculum. Grants provide support for faculty interested in enhancing an academic environment where risk-taking, built on solid academic scholarship, is encouraged and supported. Entrepreneurial thinking involves the skills necessary for recognizing and analyzing a problem and then designing and implementing a potential solution. Course proposals that involve entrepreneurship, innovation, and entrepreneurial skills are particularly encouraged. Creation of partnerships across the campus or in the wider community are also desirable, but not required. Funding is for course creation, revision, and implementation.

**Eligibility:** All faculty teaching at UMBC, including adjunct faculty. Faculty who have not received Entrepreneurship-related curriculum grants in the past will be given preference. If chosen for funding, faculty members will participate in a 1-2 hour interdisciplinary workshop on Entrepreneurship curriculum in the following year.

**Funding Period:** Funding for courses to be taught in Spring/Summer/Fall 2015.

**Amount:** Maximum support is $5,000 for new courses and $3,000 for revised courses. The overall budget to support applications is $40,000.

**Review**

**Process:** Proposals will be reviewed and selected by the Faculty Fellows in Entrepreneurship and the Director of the Alex. Brown Center.

**Criteria:** Proposals will be reviewed for:

* Quality of proposed course and its significance to entrepreneurship and/or innovation
* Availability of faculty to carry out the course within funding period
* Budget justification for the requested funds
* Sustainability of the course

**How to apply:** Proposals should be submitted by email (only) to the Director of the Alex. Brown Center, Vivian Armor, at armor@umbc.edu.

# Deadline: November 10, 2014 Notification: December 2014

**Program Contact: Vivian Armor,** [**armor@umbc.edu**](mailto:armor@umbc.edu) **or George Karabatis, georgek@umbc.edu**

ENTREPRENEURSHIP & INNOVATION CURRICULUM GRANT

**APPLICATION FORM**

FACULTY INSTRUCTOR \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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TITLE AND NUMBER OF COURSE PROPOSED

CREDIT HOURS \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ NEW COURSE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_OR EXISTING COURSE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL BUDGET REQUESTED $

HAVE YOU RECEIVED AN ENTREPRENEURSHIP CURRICULUM REVISION GRANT BEFORE? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

IF SO, FOR WHAT AMOUNT? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

ENTREPRENEURSHIP CURRICULUM GRANT

I have read and accept the conditions under which this grant will be awarded:

APPLICANT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ DATE

APPLICANT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

DEPT. CHAIR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_DATE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

DEPT. CHAIR SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

In signing, the Department Chair agrees that this course will be taught regularly (at least every 2 years) subject to departmental enrollment demands.

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**PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS**: The proposal must include:

1. **TITLE**
2. **CATALOG DESCRIPTION/ABSTRACT**
3. **COURSE PROPOSAL (LIMITED TO THREE PAGES).**  
   a) **DESCRIPTION (MUST EXPLICITLY DISCUSS ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND/OR INNOVATION).**   
   b) **LEARNING OBJECTIVES AND GOALS RELATED TO ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND/OR INNOVATION.**  
   c) **TENTATIVE READINGS AND HOW THEY RELATE TO ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND/OR INNOVATION.**  
   d) **TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE**   
   e) **MEANS OF ASSESSMENT AND HOW THESE WILL SHOW EVIDENCE OF LEARNING OUTCOMES**
4. **ITEMIZED BUDGET AND JUSTIFICATION (LIMITED TO ONE PAGE)**
5. **APPLICATION FORM AND SIGNATURES FROM FACULTY MEMBER AND DEPT. CHAIR**

**PROPOSAL GUIDELINES and SELECTION CRITERIA**

An overall goal of the curriculum support grant is to generate courses that can count as electives for the Minor in Entrepreneurship and Innovation. For information on the Minor and a list of current electives, go to: http://entrepreneurship.umbc.edu/entr-minor/

Although some new courses will be generated, it is expected that the majority will be existing courses that are being revised to include entrepreneurial skills and principles.

Additional criteria for ENTR courses will include at least some of the following entrepreneurial skills and innovative thinking assets, but are not exclusive to this list:

1. foster creative and innovative thinking along logical pathways for solving problems
2. help students to understand successful organizations and effective leadership strategies
3. help students develop strategies for recognizing opportunities and identifying the tools for quality risk assessment
4. develop skills for communicating ideas in a concise and logical way
5. assist students to work effectively in teams
6. help students apply entrepreneurial thinking to social issues and social problems
7. provide students a real-world experience of entrepreneurship through business plans, start ups, and other projects
8. provide students an opportunity that relates to UMBC’s Idea competition

~~G~~ENERAL GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF

# CURRICULUM INNOVATION GRANT FUNDS

1. **ALLOWED EXPENDITURES**

Nonrecurring expenses such as: seed funding; research and project supplies; purchase or rental of equipment for new research (including software); travel to entrepreneurial meetings or symposia; matching funds; research assistantships; guest speakers; course-related supplies; and course-related expenses.

2. **EQUIPMENT AWARDS** made under the program are subject to the following stipulations:

* 1. Need for the equipment must be strongly justified.
  2. Equipment purchased with funds is the property of the State of Maryland. Should the Awardee (Principal Investigator) leave the University of Maryland, title remains with the University and the equipment is subject to all regulations governing equipment with state funds.
  3. Equipment purchased with funds is considered a campus resource and should be made available, when appropriate, to other investigators.

3. **EXPENDITURES NOT ALLOWED**

General telephone services and postage; purchase of laboratory or office furniture; binding of periodicals and books, dues and memberships in societies; supplementation of Federal training stipends.