WVU Information Literacy Course Enhancement Grants Sponsored by the WVU Libraries and the Office of the Provost *Deadline: March 11, 2011*

What is information literacy? Broadly speaking, information literacy is the set of abilities needed for 21st century learning by students and instructors. It means making effective use of the dazzling array of information options in the university environment. It requires critical thinking in selection of sources for academic work. Since 2009, thanks to the WVU Libraries' Information Literacy Course Enhancement Grant Program (ILCEP), eleven faculty/librarian teams have taken action to address it as a high priority in their courses. There was a Showcase of 2010 project results from the first five teams during the Faculty Academy in May 2010. Visit http://libguides.wvu.edu/infolit to view 2010 Faculty Academy posters and see the student learning results.

The University has now adopted a **2020 Strategic Plan** which calls for "engaging undergraduate, graduate, and professional students in a challenging academic environment." To encourage the development of stronger students, better research, *and* a challenging academic environment at WVU during the 2011-2012 year, the ILCEP program offers summer stipends to bring librarians and faculty together for course enhancement.

WVU Libraries have taken leadership to promote an Information Literacy Initiative over the last four years and the ILCEP grant program is an important part of that effort. In cooperation with the office of the Provost, the next stage of development will be the selection of at least five more teams in 2011 to further demonstrate to our faculty and students the academic success that is possible by integrating information literacy into the curriculum in more disciplines. We encourage applications from faculty in all disciplines.

Objectives of the Grants

$3000.00 summer grants (or other relevant professional remuneration if 12-month faculty members apply) will be given to instructors to enhance a course substantially by integrating information literacy instruction. Objectives include:

- To strengthen student research results and prepare them for greater academic success.
- To foster collaboration between instructors and librarians.
- To implement syllabus enhancement to include information literacy based learning outcomes and information literacy active learning assignments within the discipline.
- To encourage instructors to include the full range of the WVU Libraries' resources, expertise, and services in course planning and delivery in courses with research expectations.
- To sponsor an Information Literacy Showcase to share the results of the course enhancements, publicize discipline based projects, and encourage more departments to get involved.

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Application

Name:

WVU Department:

E-Mail Address:

Phone:

WVU Course that will be enhanced with information literacy:

Brief Statement about the 21st century information environment in your discipline, and your students' information literacy needs in your chosen course: (500 word maximum for this statement.)

Check and describe the enhancements that you will make. Please note that first three are ***required*** for participation.

___☐___ Form team with your departmental library liaison and Director of Instruction and Information Literacy.

___☐___ Write new learning outcomes for syllabus that are information literacy based.

☐ Design and assess active learning assignments that address selected standards of information literacy and embed a librarian into several classes during the semester.

☐ Identify new library resources or services that you will integrate into the course.

☐ Identify and implement several new assessments of information literacy learning.

☐ Evaluate the success of these changes.

☐ Other, please describe.

When will enhanced course be taught? ◉ Fall 2011 ○ Spring 2012

What is the typical course enrollment?

Please attach the current course syllabus.

Grant award is $3,000. If awarded a grant, I understand that I will be expected to:

* Work with a team of librarians and other faculty during summer 2011.

* Participate in a "Showcase of Information Literacy" during the 2011-2012 academic year.

Your signature _____

Department Chair's signature _____

Send application to: Carroll Wilkinson, Director of Instruction & Information Literacy, WVU Libraries
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