QEP Curriculum Development Grant Program FY09
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
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On what basis will proposals be evaluated? [posted 10/20/08]
Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:
  A. Degree to which the enhancement has the potential to significantly improve student research skills training and practice. (35%)
  B. To what extent specific QEP Student Learning Outcomes will be addressed. (25%)
  C. To what extent the proposed enhancement is innovative and/or interdisciplinary. (10%)
  D. The potential for the proposed enhancement to serve as a model for others to implement. (10%)
  E. Plan for departmental, college, or external support for sustained funding of successful pilot projects. (20%)

Additional consideration for competitive proposals may include criteria such as proposal type (individual, team, college/dept), course level (core, major, WID, research-intensive), college and department representation, new or existing courses, number of students to be impacted, collaborations and partnerships. Feedback will be provided to PIs of funded and unfunded proposals.

Can proposals be submitted for graduate courses? [posted 10/20/08]
Yes. QEP Curriculum Development Grant Proposals can be developed for graduate courses provided that they are open for undergraduates to enroll (e.g. graduate courses that are cross-listed as undergraduate courses). Qualifying courses must be required or listed as an approved elective for fulfilling undergraduate major or minor degree requirements. Proposals for graduate courses should include signatures from the appropriate department's undergraduate and graduate program directors.

Can submission of a follow-up QEP proposal next year qualify as a sustainable funding option? [posted 10/20/08]
No. Sustainable funding should come from non-QEP sources at the university or externally.

Can the funding be used to offset students' travel costs for international study? [posted 10/20/08]
No. The purpose of the program is to support research-supportive curriculum development for a course or several courses. Costs such as students' travel costs are beyond the scope of the program.

Questions should be directed to discovery@uh.edu.