Upcoming OLT grants

The OLT is currently calling for applications for Commissioned Projects and Extension Grants with information expected soon about the Innovation and Development Grants round.

The first round of 2015 Innovation and Development grants is expected to be announced in August and due in November. Workshops for those interested in applying for this round are planned for Thursday 4th September 10.00am-12.00noon and Friday 26th September 1.00-3.00pm. Enrol for the workshops here. The information from the OTL about the grants round submission dates will be posted as soon as it is available. Attendance at one or more of the workshops is strongly advised for those submitting an application. If you wish for individual assistance with your grant from the ITL it is expected you will first have attended an ITL workshop.

Commissioned Projects

The Office for Learning and Teaching (OLT) funds strategic projects commissioned in response to key issues in the Australian higher education sector. Applications are now open for the 2014 Strategic Priority Commissioned projects in the following areas:

- Developing global perspectives
- English language support
- The twenty-first century student experience

These are larger strategic projects of national interest; proposals for funding of $220,000 and beyond are anticipated. The OLT may award one or more grants to address a strategic topic and the project must be completed within eighteen months. Submissions must be made through the university. Advise Sally Paynter of your intention to submit an application by Monday 18 August and contact Alison Kuiper for academic advice. Final applications must be received by the OLT no later than 5pm (AEST) Friday 29 August 2014. More information and application instructions may be found on the OLT website.

Extension Grants

Extension Grants support the continued dissemination and embedding of completed learning and teaching projects. Extension Grants are specifically intended to achieve the following objectives:
- Raise the profile of the fundamental importance of teaching in higher education institutions and in the general community
- Develop effective mechanisms for the identification, development, dissemination and embedding of good individual and institutional practice, including addressing particular contextual barriers to taking on the good practice identified.

Funding is in the form of a grant of up to $30,000 provided to disseminate or embed the outcomes of completed learning and teaching projects or fellowships in institutions which were not partners in the original project. Funds may be used to trial resources or curricula, run workshops, present at relevant conferences (including registration, travel, accommodation and incidental expenses) or to establish new websites. The application must come from an institution, and not from an individual or conference. The next closing date is 5 September, 2014. See OLT website.