URSA Innovative Technology and Education Funding

The Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Activity (URSA) has funds to support Innovative Technology and Education (ITE) involving UAF students.

Eligibility - applicant
Undergraduate and graduate students, staff, and faculty are invited to apply for an URSA Innovative Technology and Education (ITE) award of up to $10,000 for technology-related equipment and/or software associated with student-based instruction and/or research. Any UAF student in good academic standing (undergraduate GPA 2.0 or above and graduate GPA 3.0 or above), staff, or faculty member is eligible to apply for this award.

Eligibility - proposal
Technology proposals in any UAF discipline will be considered. While the subject and results may contribute to an individual faculty member’s program of instruction, research, or creative scholarship, the use of technology-related equipment/software must involve undergraduate and/or graduate students. Preference will be given to proposals that are innovative and result in the greatest contribution to instruction and/or research for students. Note that OIT-related equipment (e.g., videoconference, smart classrooms, computer laboratories, etc.) will not be eligible for this funding award. Requests of this nature should be directed to the UAF Office of Information Technology.

To download the application, go to: www.uaf.edu/ursa and click on “URSA Awards.” Deadline 13 March 2015.

Award selections by the URSA ITE Board will be based on: 1) written quality of the proposal and purpose of the equipment/software, 2) direct benefit to the educational experience of students (including the number of students benefiting from the equipment/software), 3) implementation schedule (all equipment/software will be the property of the awardee’s department; therefore, the overseeing department must be identified in the proposal), 4) detailed list of equipment/software with specifications and costs (a copy of the cost estimate from the manufacturer/supplier must be provided), and 5) maintenance plan for the equipment/software. Funds must be spent by 30 June 2015, and proposals must account for shipping and installation costs in the budget. Award recipients must submit a report by 31 December 2015, which must include the use of the equipment/software within the context of the stated proposal and an itemized account of how the funds were spent. Failure to submit a report will result in the awardee’s ineligibility for URSA ITE funding for three years.

Award recipients will be notified by email and announced on the URSA website www.uaf.edu/ursa by 31 March 2015.