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**Funding Available for Pedagogy Workshops**  
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The College is pleased to announce the continuation of the program to support pedagogical workshops that explore new instructional strategies or techniques. This program will enable faculty members within their own department and/or across departments to invite outside experts to facilitate workshops to enhance the academic programs of the College. Suggested topics include interdisciplinary teaching, student learning assessment, technology in the classroom, adaptive learning, multi-media teaching challenges, restructuring a curriculum, new curricular initiatives, engaged learning, service learning, globalized student populations, facilitating diversity, respect in the classroom, online workshops, flipped classroom instruction, and more. In particular, we solicit proposals in which existing courses are transformed from lecture to discussion-based, in keeping with the University's next Quality Enhancement Plan.

Recent years have seen exciting opportunities. In 2017-18, the novelist and journalist Ana Menendez presented "Wiring Beyond Borders: Tools and Strategies for Teaching Multilingual Writing" for the Creative Writing Program, the current president of the Modern Languages Association, Anne Ruggles Gere, modeled best practices for teaching writing, on the invitation of the Writing Program and the Department of Modern Languages, and Dr. Yael Granot-Bein from the University of Haifa offered a workshop entitled "Teaching about the Holocaust." We have also hosted colleagues who have helped move beyond lectures in large STEM classes, reshape the introductory course in American Studies, offer GIS online, teach languages leveraging our students' knowledge, and utilizing civic engagement and social media to immerse students in a different culture.

All departments are encouraged to coordinate a workshop in any given year. Workshops could also be offered in collaboration with other departments or programs.

The College has set aside \$2,000 per department for this initiative, approximately half of which could be used to cover the honorarium. Proposals will be accepted and reviewed through the Fall 2018 semester. The Dean's office, through Senior Associate Dean Jennifer Ferriss-Hill ([j.ferrisshill@miami.edu](mailto:j.ferrisshill@miami.edu)), can assist departments in identifying outside specialists to facilitate proposed workshops.

Proposals to the Dean's Office need not be more than one page in length and should include the following:

- primary contact person;
- structure, purpose, and instructional benefits of the workshop;
- proposed budget;
- department chair's or program director's signature to indicate support of the proposal/workshop

Please submit your proposals at [pedagogyworkshops@miami.edu](mailto:pedagogyworkshops@miami.edu).