



# Initiative for Teaching and Learning Excellence

Year 5: 2008-09

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Year 5 of the Initiative for Teaching and Learning Excellence continues the deep commitment of the University to teaching excellence and undergraduate student learning by making significant investments in undergraduate general education. This academic year, the Initiative for Teaching and Learning Excellence will distribute \$100,000 for projects that fulfill the promise of UNL's new general education program: Achievement-Centered Education (ACE). All funds awarded must be expended by May 2010.

Proposals must accomplish one of the following:

- Create new courses that help students develop communication competence to achieve ACE Outcome 2: *Demonstrate communication competence in one or more of the following ways: (a) by making oral presentations with supporting materials, (b) by leading and participating in problem-solving teams, (c) by employing a repertoire of communication skills for developing and maintaining professional and personal relationships, or (d) by creating and interpreting visual information.*
- Create new courses that help students develop an understanding of ethical principles, civics, and stewardship to achieve ACE Outcome 8: *Explain ethical principles, civics, and stewardship, and their importance to society.*
- Create new courses that help students develop global awareness and an understanding of human diversity to achieve ACE Outcome 9: *Exhibit global awareness or knowledge of human diversity through analysis of an issue.*
- Create new capstone courses for majors, courses that help students integrate their ACE and major coursework and achieve ACE Outcome 10: *Generate a creative or scholarly product that requires broad knowledge, appropriate technical proficiency, information collection, synthesis, interpretation, presentation, and reflection.*

Recipients will be expected to share their work in a campus presentation/demonstration by December 2010.

## **To Apply**

Proposals must be submitted electronically to the dean of the originating college by October 17, 2008. Please direct specific inquiries about proposed projects to [Dave Wilson](#), Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (472-3751).

Each proposal must include:

- The standard coversheet (see attached)
- A 2-page proposal including:

- A description of the project, its scope, impact, relationship to the goals articulated for the Initiative/ACE, and relationship to the unit's 2008 strategic plan. How often will the new course be offered? How many seats will be available?
- An assessment plan detailing what data will be collected, how they will be analyzed and reported, and how they will be cycled back to improve undergraduate student learning.
- A timeline for completing the project and for seeking course approval and ACE certification.
- A detailed budget.

Proposals will be reviewed at three levels:

- the dean of the college from which the proposal originates
- an advisory committee
- the Office of the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Reviews by deans will be based on the fit between the project and the college's strategic plans/priorities.

Reviews at later levels will be based on the following criteria:

- **Project Goals and Objectives:** Does the project address the goals articulated for the Initiative? Is the project's relationship to the unit's strategic plan clear?
- **Project Plan:** Are plans and procedures for achieving project goals well developed, innovative, worthwhile, and realistic? Are the project activities clearly related to the project goals? Is the project timeline feasible and realistic?
- **Project Impact:** Is the project assessment plan strong? Are there commitments to securing course approval and ACE certification--and to offering the course regularly?
- **Budget:** Is the requested budget appropriate, feasible, and well defined?

Final selections will be made by the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

Send completed proposals electronically (in MS Word, pdf, or html format) by October 17, 2008, to your dean.

For assistance with proposal preparation:

- Contact [Dave Wilson](#) in Academic Affairs (472-3751).
- Review the ACE Outcomes at <http://ace.unl.edu>.
- Review the criteria for certifying an ACE course at <http://ace.unl.edu>.
- Attend a help session with Nancy Mitchell, Interim Director of General Education, on September 10, 2008 from 2-3:30 in the Nebraska Union (city campus).



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### ITLE-5 proposal coversheet

Project Coordinator	College	Phone
		Email
Department/Unit	Campus Address	
Co-applicants (if applicable)	Department/Unit & Campus Address	Email

Title of Proposed Project	
Amount Requested	\$

Signature of Project Coordinator	Date
Signature of Chair/Head/Director	Date
Signature of Co-Applicants (if applicable)	
	Date
	Date
	Date
	Date

E-mail your proposal by 5:00 pm on October 17, 2008 to your college dean. Scan and e-mail this signed coversheet at the same time—or hand-deliver it by 5:00 pm on October 17, 2008.