

# OSU Libraries' Robert Lundeen Library Faculty Development Award

## APPLICATION

**INSTRUCTIONS** Submit a digitally completed application packet to the Robert Lundeen Award Committee electronically to Karyle Butcher, University Librarian, by April 30, 2008.

<b>Date of Application</b> 4/29/08
<b>Title of Proposal:</b> Exploring Learning Environments at Institutes of Higher Education and Learning in the United States
<b>Expected Length of Activity:</b> 12 months
<b>Total Funds Requested:</b> \$5,000
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**Summary & Rationale (2-3 paragraphs)** Describe the thesis, problem or issue you will examine and the rationale.

- OSU Valley Library is coming up on its 10 year anniversary. In 1999 when it was completed, our Information Commons was a cutting edge learning space, used as a model by other institutions of higher education looking to establish this type of service. During this 10 year span, our student population has changed and their demand for services and technologies has become more sophisticated. This has become particularly evident with the advent of networked computer applications that allow the user communities to contribute content and interact with others. Our learners want to interact with not just computer programs but also with their learning spaces. In addition, educational technology has advanced and more research has been done about using technology to enhance the user experience. Ten years after the Valley Library's Information Commons was created, we have to ask the question, "how should this learning space evolve so that it continues to enhance the OSU student learning experience."
- We will: conduct a literature search, including the web, to identify organizations on the leading edge of learning space design. Identify appropriate contacts at each site. Develop a tool for information gathering to be used at site visits. Visit the sites that we have identified and investigate the learning environment, public services and technologies. Summarize the information and make recommendations for updating and improving the learning environment of the OSU Libraries.

**Goals & Expected outcomes**

- Identify best practices for library learning spaces
- Apply best practices to future project in the Valley Library.
- Develop a strong network of librarians engaged in the design and assessment of library learning environments.

**Methodology & Timeline for completion**

This project will include the 7 faculty members of the teaching library. The preliminary literature will be done by the professional faculty member and reviewed by the teaching library faculty for completeness. Using the review, the teaching librarians will identify key concepts to be included on an information

gathering tool and identify the sites to be visited. The professional faculty member will then identify contacts at the sites to be visited. The site visits be done by a team of two teaching librarians. Information will be gathered in 1-1/2 day visits to the site. The information from the site visit will be summarized in a report and copied to the teaching library faculty within 2 weeks of the visit.

- June – August 2008 Conduct literature review, develop information gathering tool, and identify sites to visit. (2 hours per week)
- September – January 2008/2009 – Conduct site visits (3.5 days per site visit, 1 day on either side for travel, 1.5 days at site for a max 17.5 days)
- February - March Analyze Information (2 hours per week)
- April – May Anne-Marie Deitering will summarize the information and make recommendations regarding improving OSU Library Learning environment and produce final report for the Lundeen Committee. (2 hours per week)

**Dissemination plan** Include details about potential venues and audiences within OSU Libraries and/or in the field

The main purpose of this project would be to identify effective learning environments and make recommendation for changes to the OSU Valley Library learning spaces. This would have direct impact on the students, faculty and staff that use the OSU Libraries. The results of the literature review and information gathered from our site visits could result in an article in a peer reviewed journal to inform other librarian practitioners.

**Does the proposal require any of the following**

- Release time yes no
  - If yes, include signature(s) of person(s) authorized to approve release time
  - If yes, expected hours and covered duties
- Use of Human Subjects yes no
  - If yes, attach appropriate university form to the application.

*The process of obtaining IRB approval or a determination of exemption from subject protection regulations does not have to be completed prior to submitting your grant proposal. However, the grant cannot be awarded without evidence that the approval or exemption has been obtained.*

**Budget**

Total amount requested from Lundeen Award Fund \$5,000

Other funding obtained or expected (amount and source)

Salaries

Supplies

Travel \$5,000

Other Expenses

**Signatures of all applicants**

**Other Required Signatures**  
(e.g. Release Time Authorization)

**Appendices CV and Previous Awards**

**NOTE:** Grant proposals are confidential until funding decisions are made.

Form adapted from Librarians Association of the University of California Research Grants Program  
<http://www.ucop.edu/lauc/committees/rpd/rescover.doc>

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