



## Differential Tuition Call for Proposals for 2010-11 Awards

Differential tuition is a student approved fee that provides UW-Eau Claire with approximately \$1,500,000 in annual funding to support enhanced student experiences at the baccalaureate level. Each year, the Provost and Academic Affairs staff meet with members of the Student Senate Academic Affairs Commission to review actual expenditures for the current fiscal year and discuss planned funding levels by category for the next fiscal year. Categories receiving differential tuition support, and the Student Senate approved ranges for 2010-11 are as follows:

- Faculty/Student Collaborative Research 35 to 45%
- First Year Experience 14 to 24%
- Internships/Practical Experiences 8 to 18%
- Capstone Experiences 5 to 12%
- Service-Learning 5 to 10%
- Innovative Projects 0 to 15%

### Eligibility:

All departments/units within Academic Affairs are eligible to apply for differential tuition funding. Differential tuition funds are awarded annually on a competitive proposal basis. *Funding in a previous fiscal year does not establish an entitlement to funding for the same or similar project in a subsequent year.* Awards are effective for the 2010-11 fiscal year only, and are not eligible for carryover.

Please note:



**Changes for 2010-11** include expansions in the funding ranges for Innovative Programs and First Year Experience categories in anticipation of proposals related to the Centennial Plan!

- **Faculty/Student Collaborative Research:** Faculty and academic staff seeking funding for Faculty/Student Collaborative Research should contact the Center of Excellence for Faculty and Undergraduate Student Research Collaboration for additional information. See: <http://www.uwec.edu/ORSP/grants/internal/index.htm>.
- **First Year Experience:** the application process described below applies to all FYE projects *except for FYE courses*. Funding for FYE courses – instructional costs and \$100 supplies funding per section – is budgeted in a single proposal from the FYE director

## Instructions for Application:

Application forms are on the Academic Affairs website under “Differential Tuition (DT) Forms”, at: <http://www.uwec.edu/acadaff/forms/index.htm>. The proposal consists of the **cover page, budget forms, and a brief narrative.**

**NOTE: Awarding of Differential Tuition funding is competitive!** *Please be specific on the budget narrative.* Proposals may be only partially funded in an effort to maximize the impact of Differential Tuition, thus a complete understanding of the proposed expenses is critical.

The proposal narrative should address:

- project background and objectives
- project significance and its relation to student development and/or retention
- method of evaluation

For continuing projects or projects previously funded by DT:

- previous differential tuition funding
- describe the impact funding had on student experiences
- specific assessment of prior year’s goals



**For proposals related to the University’s Centennial Plan, please indicate:**

- Contribution to the University’s Centennial Plan and 2009-10 “Gold Arrows”

## Deadline for Application:

**Faculty and staff** should submit proposals to their chairs or directors in time to accommodate the deadline below.

**Department chairs and directors** must submit proposals for First Year experiences, Internships and Practical experiences, Capstone experiences, and Service-Learning and/or Innovative Projects to their dean or associate vice chancellor **by October 12, 2009.**

**Deans, assistant vice chancellors and associate vice chancellors** must prioritize the proposals they receive and submit a ranked list and the proposals to the Provost’s Office **by October 23, 2009.**

The Provost and Academic Affairs staff will review requests, recommend awards based on campus-wide priorities, and meet with the Student Senate Academic Affairs Commission. **Award notifications will be sent via e-mail by December 18, 2009.**