

E-mail message sent to all UW-Eau Claire faculty and staff, Sept. 3, 2010

New Blugold Commitment proposals welcome

At this year's Blugold Breakfast, I urged you to think about real transformation. Here is your opportunity to do so.

All faculty and staff are invited to submit proposals to use Blugold Commitment funds, beginning in 2011-12. The deadline for proposals is Wednesday, October 13. Attached is more information on how the process works; the proposal form is on the Academic Affairs home page, www.uwec.edu/acadaff.

The Blugold Commitment is a major new differential tuition investment by our students that began this fall. By 2013, student differential tuition will provide more than \$12 million annually to be invested in what we call high-impact experiences — the collaborative research, interdisciplinary learning, study abroad and internships that truly distinguish an Eau Claire education. Your proposal can encompass any of these experiences or maybe even some things we don't do now but could in the future. Students have committed their resources; I invite you to submit your ideas.

Past Blugold Commitment grants ranged from funding for a living-learning community at UW-Eau Claire to student immersion experiences in Alaska — you can find a list on the Academic Affairs home page. Workshops on how to develop your ideas and prepare your proposal will be held this month and are listed on the [2011-12 timeline](#).

While all faculty and staff are encouraged to develop proposals, I want to especially urge our faculty to participate — especially those of you interested in working with colleagues in another discipline or college. The Blugold Commitment is our opportunity to strengthen and expand what we already do so well, and to take another step closer to our vision to be the premier learning community in the Upper Midwest.

Chancellor Brian Levin-Stankevich, Ph.D.