

## 2016 Seed Grant Call for Proposals

*The 2016 proposal cycle is now closed. Proposals are still being evaluated and discussions or development of proposal concepts with participants are continuing. Participants will be notified soon.*

### Proposal Development and Selection Process

The proposal selection process is designed to stimulate thinking across the university, to identify ideas that have robust potential and thus help the DLI chart a distinctive direction for BU, foster the development of forward-looking experiments, and allow us to “stage” experiments as BU’s capacity to develop projects grows.

### Criteria for Selection

- *Scope:* Proposed project must be responsive to at least one of the focus areas of the DLI seed program.
- *Sustainability:* Proposed project should have the potential to scale up and be used repeatedly and preferably by more than a single faculty member.
- *Collaboration:* Preference will be given to group projects that involve more than a single faculty member or those that aim to impact more than a single course.
- *Student Participation:* Preference will be given to projects that engage students not only to develop/assess technology, but also to gain professional experience, from PhD students headed for academic careers to undergraduates headed for teaching careers.
- *Impact:* Preference will be given to projects that have the potential of creating a strategic advantage for BU and enhance the distinctive value of a BU education.
- *Significance:* Project should have significant pedagogical value for our students and should include input from students.
- *Support:* Project must be strongly endorsed by participating academic unit(s), and all requisite technical and administrative support must be identified and deemed feasible.

### Development and Selection Process

Includes the “Concept Phase,” the “Resource Phase,” and the “Execution Phase” as detailed below.

## **Concept Phase (now completed)**

Generation of Concepts and Submission of Proposals (*Fall 2016*):

- DLI will hold two information sessions in November and December 2016 to answer any preliminary questions regarding the concept proposals. Please see more information below.
- Proposals can be submitted [via our site](#) anytime up until January 20, 2017.

Submission Deadline was January 20, 2017.

## **Resource Phase**

Development and Selection of Full Proposals (*Spring 2017*)

- Appropriate staff/support personnel from the DLI or partner units will be assigned to collaborate with the faculty member or faculty-led team to assess feasibility and to identify the resources needed for implementation, including choice of software platforms, infrastructure and support staff requirements, and faculty time.
- Based on this assessment, a full proposal detailing implementation, rollout, and evaluation plans (including any necessary approvals by additional stakeholders) will be prepared and reviewed collaboratively by the project team and DLI for funding and implementation.

## **Implementation Phase**

Project Implementation (*late Spring/Summer 2017*)

- Projects that emerge from the resource phase will be funded and implemented starting in late Spring/Summer 2017.
- Additional projects might be staged for implementation starting in later semesters.

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