

Call for Proposals from Faculty: Assessment Grants

Deadline: May 23, 2025

Awards announced June 13, 2025

The UCDC Assessment Subcommittee announce the availability of funds to support academic program assessment work for academic year 2024-2025 and invite proposals from instructional faculty. The goal of this fund is to support innovation in assessment design, methods, and closing-the-loop changes, aimed at enhancing student achievement of learning goals.

This fund can be used for activities that support innovation in program assessment, including a program's approach to general education (Dearborn Discovery Core) assessment and integrated learning. The grant is intended to serve as catalyst funds, not to be relied upon for ongoing support. Some examples of funded activities include:

- Purchase of an assessment instrument, including equipment/technology needed for assessment
- Stipends for faculty time to develop (or conduct a major re-design) and test an assessment instrument
- Stipends for faculty time to collect and analyze assessment data, including conducting student focus groups
- Hire a student assistant who processes assessment data
- Funds to hold a faculty retreat focused on a major initiative in program assessment
- Speaker or consultant who is expert in a particular field's assessment techniques
- Faculty attendance at an assessment conference or workshop specific to the field

[Click here to see the assessment grants funded in previous years.](#)

Criteria

Funding requests should demonstrate comprehensive curricular impact, affecting multiple courses and instructors in a program. The request should also demonstrate that the assessment activity will address a particular assessment question(s) developed by the program faculty about student learning, related to program or general education learning goals, and aligned with the program's assessment plan. When considering grant applications, the Assessment Subcommittee will prioritize those that address one or more of these ongoing areas of concern in assessment on our campus:

- 1) Development of a long-term program assessment plan, with measures and benchmarks delineated
- 2) Development of measurement tools and instruments aligned with program goals (or, student learning outcomes)
- 3) Collection and analysis of longitudinal data on student learning
- 4) Design and implementation of closing the loop improvements based on assessment findings

Activities on this campus will be prioritized over attendance at off-campus events and conferences.

Eligibility

Tenure track and non-tenure track faculty are eligible to submit applications. Awards will be granted to fund new or existing activities based on campus need and funding availability. Preference will be given to new funding requests. **Applicants must first have exhausted funding options from their departments and colleges.** The funding request must be approved by the program/discipline chair and department chair.

Terms of the Award

- Awards may be any amount ranging from \$100 to \$3000.
- The highest award for a faculty stipend is \$40/hour, and for hosting is \$10 per person per meal
- The funded assessment activity must occur during the following academic year.
- Grant recipients must share results in a final report and a presentation at an annual campus assessment workshop.
- The grant is intended to serve as catalyst funds, and should not be relied upon for ongoing support.

Assessment Grant Application Form

Process: Materials should be submitted electronically as one PDF or Word file, with your program's name in title.

Submit: to Jessica LaGrange (jessbl@umich.edu)

Applications will be reviewed by the UCDC Assessment Subcommittee. (Applications from programs with which any subcommittee member is affiliated will be reviewed by an independent review committee appointed by the Associate Provosts.)

Name:

Program:

Title: Chair, Department of Education

Phone:

Program Chair/Discipline Representative (if different from applicant)

Name:

Signature: *(an email of acknowledgment to Jessica LaGrange is sufficient)*

Department Chair

Name:

Signature: *(an email of acknowledgment to Jessica LaGrange is sufficient)*

Names of Partnering Faculty:

Please provide a 100-word summary of the request to be used in reporting and publicity documents:

Detailed description and goals of the request, its anticipated outcomes and impact on the program, including the courses to which it will be applied:

Budget (and justification):

If asking for stipend(s), delineate how time will be spent and stipend funds allocated

Note: student pay should be commensurate with department standards

Timeline of activities, including final report: