



TO: Walter Poleman, RSENR Core Curriculum Committee Chair  
Margaret Burke, RSENR Coordinator of Educational Innovation  
FROM: Brian Reed, Associate Provost for Teaching and Learning *BR*  
RE: Engaged Practices Innovation (EPI) grant proposal: *Integrating Blended Learning Approaches into the Rubenstein School Core Curriculum*  
DATE: May 8, 2017  
CC: David Rosowsky, Provost and Senior Vice President  
Nancy Mathews, Dean, Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources

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On behalf of the Engaged Practices Innovation (EPI) Grant Selection Committee, I am delighted to inform you that your proposal was selected for funding. Your proposal will be funded in the requested amount of \$5,670. Congratulations! Please respond by May 19, 2017 to acknowledge your acceptance of the award.

The review team appreciated the revisions that were made to strengthen RSENR's 2015 EPI Grant application. The current version of the proposal demonstrates that in the intervening time, RSENR has invested a good deal of time and effort in their core evaluation and revitalization process. The proposal is feasible and has the potential to impact a large number of students. The courses are well-chosen and will benefit from blended learning redesign that addresses the varied backgrounds of the students who take them within the core.

We do have a few recommendations to maximize the benefits of your project:

1. Please make sure your assessments are closely tied to the outcomes identified in Appendix A. Alex Yin, Director of the Office of Institutional Research and/or J. Dickinson, Provost's Faculty Fellow for Assessment can assist you with this.
2. Identify a mechanism for periodic review, revision and updating so the revitalized core remains vibrant.
3. Document the processes used so they can be adapted or scaled-up for other purposes.

As specified in the Request for Proposals, the budget for your grant will be administered through the PI's administrative unit (Rubenstein School for Environment and Natural Resources). The funds will be transferred on or before July 1, 2017. All funds must be spent within twelve months of that date (July 1, 2018). Please have your budget manager send the appropriate chartstring number to Kerry Castano [Kerry.castano@uvm.edu](mailto:Kerry.castano@uvm.edu).

Please note that any publications and/or presentations stemming from this project must acknowledge support from the Engaged Practices Innovation Grant Program, Provost's Office, University of Vermont. Your proposal and related reports will be posted on the EPI Grant website.

A full report on the outcomes of your project will be due no later than January 7, 2019. The report may be no longer than 1,500 words (12 point font, double spaced), excluding cover page, and appended materials. The report must include:

- A review of the goals of the project
- A description of the outcomes
- An assessment of the impact of the project
- The current status of the project and future plans

Again, thank you for your high quality proposal and congratulations on the award. We are excited about the potential benefits of your project for RSENR's students and faculty.