



TO: Ellen McShane, Director of Academic Support Programs  
FROM: Brian Reed, Associate Provost for Teaching and Learning  
RE: Engaged Practices Innovation (EPI) grant proposal: *Universal Design for Learning Peer program: A Collaborative Learning Experience*  
DATE: May 1, 2015  
CC: David Rosowsky, Provost and Senior Vice President

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On behalf of the Engaged Practices Innovation (EPI) Grant Proposal Review Team, thank you for your proposal entitled *Universal Design for Learning Peer program: A Collaborative Learning Experience*. The committee received a number of excellent proposals in this first round of seed grant awards, and I am delighted to inform you that your proposal was one of two that were selected for EPI funding. Your proposal will be funded in the requested amount of \$13,816. Congratulations! Please respond by May 15, 2015 to acknowledge your acceptance of the award.

The review team was particularly impressed with the design, broad reach and potential impact of your project, as well as the potential for extending the model to a wide variety of academic disciplines. We understand there is already evidence of sustainability vis a vis the adoption by the Chemistry Department of the UDL peer tutoring model used in your pilot project. However, the Committee urges ongoing attention to finding ways by which the program can be sustained in the areas where success is demonstrated. Using data from the project to guide the allocation of available resources within Academic Support Services is a good practice but it is not, by itself, a robust plan for sustaining the project beyond the term of the grant.

As specified in the Request for Proposals, the budget for your grant will be administered through the PI's administrative unit (Office of the Dean of Students). The funds will be transferred on July 1, 2015, the start of the new fiscal year. All funds must be spent within twelve months of that date (July 1, 2016).

A full report on the outcomes of your project will be due no later than January 4, 2017. 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 impact of your project and of the EPI Grant Program overall. Your work will help set the stage for growth and continued success of the EPI Grant Program.