



Dear Educator,

The Center for Creative Learning at Mississippi University for Women offers you the opportunity to develop new teaching strategies, engage in research related to teaching, or work with other teachers on topics of specific educational interest. We encourage you to apply for an action research stipend of up to \$1,000.

Please keep in mind that our goal is to fund innovative, action-based programs that directly impact student achievement. Funds may not be utilized for field trips or basic curriculum needs. The grant period cannot exceed one school year. Awardees will be responsible for submitting a complete report to the Center within 60 days of project completion.

There are two award periods annually. The proposal deadline for spring awards is October 31, and the deadline for fall proposals is April 30. Awardees will be notified within 6 weeks of the proposal deadline, and funds will be available within 3 weeks of notification.

We look forward to receiving your exciting proposals, which will enable you to provide students with a more creative, enhanced educational program. If your proposal is awarded, you will be invited to present your project at the Center's dissemination conference.

Sincerely,

Sarah Sumners
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Center for Creative Learning Action Research Project Proposal Format

- 1. Short Summary of Project (10 points):** Explain your project and its impact. Give a rationale for doing this project.
- 2. Specific Program Goal and Objectives (25 points):** The goal broadly states the purpose, the end product, or the result of the proposal. Objectives specify what the participants will be able to do as a result of the project and are observable and measurable.
- 3. Link to Standards (10 points):** Describe how your project links to the state curriculum framework.
- 4. Impact on Students (20 points):** Describe the student population involved in the project? What is the expected positive impact this project will have on students in terms of engaging them in learning and achieving higher standards?
- 5. Plan of Action (20 points):** The proposal should reflect the plan you will follow in preparing for and implementing the project.
- 6. Evaluation Plan (15 points):** Describe how you intend to evaluate the program. The evaluation plan shows how the objectives will be measured for success and are stated in observable and measurable terms.

In addition to the scored elements described above the proposal must contain a **Project Budget**. Please provide an itemized list of materials required for your project and other planned expenditures. Explain the justification for the budget items, in particular, how the expenditures relate to the overall goal and objectives of your project.

Submit **complete proposals** to the attention of Sarah Sumners at the below address. **Late proposals will not be accepted.**

*Center for Creative Learning
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Center for Creative Learning Action Research Project

Applicant Information

Applicant Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Applicant Position: _____

School Name: _____ **District:** _____

Principal's Name: _____

School Address: _____

School Phone: _____ **School Fax:** _____

Project Title: _____

Funds Requested: \$ _____ **Number of Students Involved:** _____

Principal's Signature

Date

Applicant's Signature

Date