

New York Six Liberal Arts Consortium
Colgate University, Hamilton College, Hobart & William Smith Colleges
St. Lawrence University, Skidmore College, Union College

The New York Six Blended Learning Project

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The New York Six Liberal Arts Consortium invites faculty from all six member institutions to submit proposals for collaborative blended learning projects to be developed and implemented for the Fall 2014 semester/term.

Project Goals

The New York Six Blended Learning Project seeks to provide faculty with the opportunity to explore new pedagogical approaches in partnership with faculty on at least one other consortium campus. Through this project, we anticipate that faculty will acquire new skills, that student learning outcomes will improve, and that the incorporation of new pedagogy may help faculty meet the challenge of competing demands on their time.

Grants

Participating faculty will be asked to make a two-year commitment to the project, for which they will receive a stipend of \$5,000 per year, training in blended learning techniques and appropriate technology applications (in collaboration with an educational technologist), and three project workshops (tentatively scheduled for May 2014, January 2015, and September 2015).

Projects approved for the New York Six Blended Learning Project will follow one of two possible approaches:

- The first will target comparable classes on two or more campuses, with a faculty member on each campus leading the course discussions with his/her students, and all classes utilizing common online elements. We anticipate that faculty members will work together to develop the online elements, resulting in a team-taught, blended course at each participating school.
- The second option will provide faculty with the opportunity to develop a blended learning course that will be offered across two or more campuses, but which is not team-taught. In this approach, students on the remote campus(es) will experience the face-to-face interaction in the course as a combination of videoconferences and occasional in-person meetings with the instructor.

Initial Proposal

Interested faculty should submit a proposal cover sheet (attached) and general description of the project (250-500 words). Those materials should be submitted to the New York Six Consortium by December 1, 2013. A review committee will respond by January 3, 2014, inviting full proposals from approved submissions. Full proposals will be due March 1, 2014 and acceptance will be conveyed to faculty by April 1, 2014.

Full Proposal

Complete proposals, including supporting documents, should be submitted as a Word document attachment via email to Amy Cronin, Executive Director of the New York Six, at acronin@newyork6.org. Proposal preparation questions may be directed to her as well.

The narrative of the proposal should be a maximum of five pages (double-spaced, 12-point font, one-inch margins).

Narrative Components

- Cover Page
 - Project title
 - Institutions involved
 - Name(s) of faculty submitting request
 - Title(s), department(s), mailing address
 - Email address(es), phone number(s)
- Introduction
 - Goals and anticipated outcomes
 - Justification
 - Consistency with program objectives
- Project Description
 - Activities
 - Timetable for activities
 - Qualifications of project leaders related to specific proposal
 - Collaborative nature of the proposal
- Evaluation and dissemination
 - State how the success of the project will be evaluated.
 - State how the project results will be disseminated within New York Six and on the campuses of the participating faculty. E.g., posting results on New York Six and campus web sites; presenting findings at campus symposia, faculty meetings; presenting findings at professional conferences or meetings.
 - Institutional approval: Proposal should include a letter of support from the Academic Dean or Provost of each participating institution.
 - Disclosure statement: Identify other current financial support for the project that will coincide with the timetable of the proposal.
 - Curriculum vitae: Include a short CV of professional activity as an email attachment, sent with the proposal.
 - Final report: A final report on each completed course (Fall 2014, Winter/Spring 2015) should be received by the New York Six as follows:
 - Courses taught in Fall 2014: report due February 1, 2015.
 - Courses taught in Winter/Spring 2015: report due July 1, 2015.

Proposal Review

A grant review committee will be comprised of academic deans and provosts from New York Six institutions. Applicants will be notified of the status of their initial proposals by January 3, 2014, and of their final proposals by April 1, 2014.

Proposal Submission

Initial proposals and final proposals should be submitted via email attachment (Word documents) to: Amy Cronin, Executive Director, New York Six, acronin@newyork6.org.