

**Scholarship for Innovation in Information Technology
ITS - for AY 2009-2010**

SUMMARY OF REQUESTS

ITS is requesting \$5,000/year to fund an annual Scholarship for Innovation in Information Technology for students.

NEEDS AND PROPOSED USE OF FUNDS

The UT Austin Scholarship for Innovation in Information Technology recognizes and rewards information technology projects or solutions that advance the University's mission of teaching, research, and public service or that improve the effectiveness of business or administrative processes. This scholarship will be offered in tandem with another IT innovation award program for faculty and staff that will be sponsored by ITS.

OVERVIEW OF CURRENT IT PROGRAMS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The UT Austin Scholarship for Innovation in Information Technology seeks to recognize innovation in the use of IT at the University. While the selection committee will rank projects based on the criteria listed below, there is a subjective and qualitative aspect to the award decision. The committee responds positively to projects that possess a spark of creativity, present a new way to address a problem, and apply technology in an innovative way.

In addition to the criteria for all projects, which are listed below, the committee will take into consideration the specific impact of projects in the following areas:

- Instruction and Student Service: How does it create a positive impact on student learning or quality of life?
- Research: How does it enhance the quality of research or UT Austin's international research competitiveness?
- Community Service: How does it enhance UT Austin's outreach and service to Texas and the rest of the world?
- Business/Finance/Administration: How does it support the increased effectiveness of business or administrative processes at the University?
- Technology Infrastructure: How does it improve UT Austin's IT environment in a manner that enhances multiple services or reduces their cost?

The selection committee gives high rankings to projects that involve as many of the following criteria as possible. The project should:

- Be innovative—present a unique, new, or different solution to a problem
- Improve operational efficiency and usability/accessibility
- Be sharable and readily implementable elsewhere within the University
- Be interoperable and integrated within UT Austin, as well as nationally and internationally
- Demonstrate collaboration
- Be based on assessable success criteria

USE OF PREVIOUS ACADEMIC YEAR ALLOCATIONS

This is a new request.

APPENDICES

See attached Proposal for a UT Austin Scholarship for Innovation in Information Technology (IT Innovation Scholarship Program v1.docx)

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