ASSESSMENT GRANTS

The Office of the Provost and the University Assessment Council announce the availability of small grants in support of efforts to improve the assessment of student learning and the use of assessment results to promote academic achievement. The goal of these grants is to encourage academic programs to engage in sound learning assessment practices. Initiatives funded by these grants will also serve as models for other programs.

To apply, provide the following information:

- A brief description of the proposed project and the need that it will meet. Examples of such needs include:
  - To improve an existing assessment plan
  - To provide training for those responsible for assessment
  - To acquire expert advice on specific assessment problems in your unit
  - To address an issue in your students’ learning, which you have identified through assessment
  - To stimulate faculty participation in the assessment process
  - To identify ways to embed assessment methods in classes
  - To evaluate assessment information that has already been collected or to collect new information on student learning outcomes
  - To connect assessment information with decisions about curriculum, pedagogy, staffing, advising, or other aspects of teaching and learning
  - To develop curricular changes in response to assessment information
- A plan of work, approximate timeline, and the individual(s) responsible
- Amount of funding requested and what it will be used for

Grants may be used to support activities such as:

- Departmental retreat to review/develop/evaluate assessment plans and strategies
- Travel to another campus in order to consult with colleagues who have successfully implemented an assessment approach that you are considering
- Stipend for a consultant to work with your college/school, department, or program on improving the assessment plan that is already in place
- Participation in an appropriate assessment conference or workshop
- Wages for a research assistant to help with assessment design, data collection, and analysis

**Amount:** Proposals are typically funded at $1,500 or less, but larger grants may be approved depending on the scope and significance of the project.

**Matching Funds:** Preference will be given to proposals that identify matching funds from the department, college/school, or other source.

**Report:** Upon completion of the project, a report summarizing the results and providing final expense figures will be required.

**Contact:** Submit applications or direct questions to the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment, 203 Samford Hall (tel: 844-4765; fax: 844-4773; email: oira@auburn.edu). Applications will be reviewed by the University Assessment Council each semester.