The Institute for the Study of Teaching and Learning in the Disciplines (ISTLD)

The primary purpose of ISTLD is to inspire, support, and enhance faculty-led inquiry into all aspects of teaching and learning at SFU.

By “faculty-led inquiry” we mean exploration of discipline-focused, faculty-initiated questions about teaching and learning.

A central activity of the ISTLD since 2007 has been the facilitation of the Teaching and Learning Development Grants (TLDG) program. Funded annually by the Vice President, Academic, TLDG grants are typically for $6,000.

In addition to supporting the TLDG program, the ISTLD also engages in other activities to realize its mandate. For example, the Dewey Fellow program invites faculty members who have completed at least one TLDG project to spend a year working with the ISTLD in a variety of ways, and to conduct teaching and learning research that goes beyond their own practice.

The ISTLD conducts an ongoing evaluation of the TLDG program and other ISTLD activities, and contributes to the literature devoted to program evaluation and the scholarship of teaching and learning.

Receive $6,000 for teaching & learning inquiry

SFU instructors can receive grants of up to $6,000 through the Teaching and Learning Development Grants program, which is facilitated through the ISTLD.

The TLDG program is intended to recognize teaching as a scholarly activity and to stimulate faculty-led investigation of teaching and learning-related questions. The TLDG workshops are offered several times each semester.

Support provided

The ISTLD team provides support for research design, data collection instruments, literature review, grant facilitation and administration, and research assistant job description and posting.

Fall 2017 Proposal Development Workshop Dates
October Series – Two Tuesdays, October 3 & 17, 2pm – 4pm (SFU Burnaby)
November Series – Two Thursdays, November 9 & 23, 10am – 12pm (SFU Burnaby)
Teaching + Learning Development Grants

The grants are intended to recognize teaching development as a scholarly activity and to stimulate faculty led investigation of teaching and learning.

START with an idea related to investigating teaching + student learning

submit an initial proposal form
telling us who you are + what you are considering investigating

attend a workshop
to further develop your proposal idea into a research proposal

receive funding of up to $6K for each project

receive assistance with data collection instruments + design, literature review, administrative support, + grant facilitation

conduct your project on your own or with a team

link + connect with other TLDG recipients

formally share project findings across SFU + beyond

informally share + have conversations about project findings with close department colleagues

submit a final report to summarize the findings of your project

www.sfu.ca/istld

The Teaching and Learning Development Grants are funded by Simon Fraser University's Office of the Vice-President, Academic, and are administered and facilitated by the Institute for the Study of Teaching and Learning in the Disciplines (ISTLD).