

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS OF APPLICATIONS FOR EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

Teachers are invited to submit applications for educational initiatives to receive funding for their implementation. Funding will be granted for the renewal and composition of programme courses (modules) that promote greater student involvement.

The initiatives submitted must pursue at least one of the following objectives of the Fund for Educational Initiatives:

- Development of research competencies and analytical skills of students;
- Development of general competencies of alumni (i.e., cooperation, responsibility, interculturalism, problem solving and openness to change);
- Utilisation of information technology for meaningful and effective teaching/learning of students;
- Implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals in the study process;
- Development of interdisciplinary studies by teachers of different disciplines working together in teams.

Initiatives focusing on the following results will be funded:

- Preparation of active learning material (i.e., case studies with methodological instructions, sets of teaching and assessment tasks, tests, simulations, methodical learning material, etc.);
- Active learning methods (i.e., case studies, role-play methods, concept mapping, problem solving, group
 assignments or projects, debates, flipped classroom, virtual exchanges, peer review, field research, field trips,
 excursions, laboratory and practical work, experiments, etc.) and the analysis of their application in teaching
 practice.

Applications may be submitted by individual teachers or teams of teachers.

Requirements for applications:

- The initiatives submitted must pursue at least one of the objectives of the Fund for Educational Initiatives.
- The funded initiative must start in the same calendar year.
- Duration of the initiative up to 1 year.
- After the implementation of the initiative, its case study is prepared, which will be published on the platform of the Educational Competence Centre and presented at VU Educational Innovation Day event.

Up to 100% of the funds requested in the application can be allocated for the implementation of an educational initiative.

Please submit the completed application in the appropriate form to the Educational Competence Centre of VU Study Quality and Development Department on the University's document management system *Avilys*. The application must be signed by the deputy head for studies of a core academic unit where the initiative is planned to be implemented and by the initiator.

Applications can be submitted all the time. The expected next stages for the consideration of applications the following:

• until the 22nd of April submitted applications will be reviewed and initiators informed about the results in May.