English Language Learner Initiative Funding Criteria

New Applications:

1) The proposed project is situated in a significant course in a Department's curriculum. *For example, the course might be an entry requirement into the program, fit into a larger structure of targeted instruction in the program, and/or prepare upper-year students for their post-undergraduate careers.*

2) The goals of the proposed project are aligned with learning outcomes for the course and/or for the program(s) to which many of the course's students belong.

3) The proposed interventions are clearly described, as is their relationship to existing course assignments or activities, and the way that they fit into the course's structure.

4) The proposed interventions are appropriate to achieving the proposal's goals and are likely to have a positive impact on student's abilities.

5) The proposed interventions are realistic given the budget, time, and competencies of TAs and faculty.

6) The proposed interventions require a reasonable investment in TA hours: exclusive of training time, 30 minutes per student in extra TA hours is typical, although this is simply a guideline.

7) The proposal gives details with regard to what sort of additional training would be required for TAs in order to best equip them to carry out the proposal.

8) The proposal indicates how the project can be supported by other resources on campus, including but not limited to the Library and the RGASC.

9) The Department Chair has provided support.

Repeated Applications:

1) The Final Report provides evidence of the project's success. (Note: The Report should focus on whether the specific skills targeted by the project have improved rather than students' language abilities in general.)
The RGASC will work with the instructor to conduct basic assessment of all funded ELL Initiative projects that can be presented in this report.

2) The Final Report uses the template provided to reflect on the effectiveness of the initiative and, if necessary, offer clear plans for revision.

Note: The Committee may provide recommendations regarding aspects dealt with above.

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