



Invitation to Develop Shared Online Materials (SOMs)

Wouldn't it be wonderful to have access to:

- An interactive lesson on plagiarism
- An interactive map or exercise that explains an abstract concept
- Digitized instructions for how to use the Internet for research in the discipline
- Visually animated instructions for your 101 course

Or you might want to develop materials about reading or writing, using the content focus of Philosophy, Biology or History. Or you might want to develop discipline-specific interactive materials that would be available to adjuncts and other faculty and that would support departmental course learning outcomes? You might like to meet with an instructional designer to revise and revitalize materials you've already developed for your online or traditional course? You might like to share an entire online course which you revise with your colleagues.

Interested groups of faculty are invited to propose plans for the development of online materials to be shared by faculty in your department or the college as a whole. Groups can be within a single discipline or interdisciplinary. Groups must be two or more faculty. We want to build a local repository of interactive online materials available to all BCC Faculty. We are looking for materials that range from something as small as a single reusable learning object to as large as an entire online course to be shared by members of a particular discipline. Typically, these materials take a significant amount of time, energy, and skill to prepare, and therefore we want to faculty develop them with the intention of sharing them with their colleagues.

This project has several advantages. First of all, by sharing in the development of materials, we ultimately spend less time designing and more time using high quality interactive online materials. Secondly, developing interactive online materials is very time-consuming, so and to create basic modules or pieces of curriculum that can be utilized by several faculty expands the choices that faculty have in designing and implementing their courses. In developing these materials, teams of faculty can capitalize on the individual strengths and expertise of individual team members as well as become stimulated by the collaborative and creative process. Likewise, the materials developed will accommodate the diverse learning styles of students in our courses.

CIT will offer the following support to faculty interested in developing shared online materials (SOMs)

1. Purchase of specialized software, if needed to develop SOMs
2. Instructional designer to consult with faculty and support faculty in their work
3. Release time(overload) will be available depending on the complexity of the project

We look for project proposals that will:

1. involve two or more faculty
2. create learning materials that will be shared with other faculty in one's discipline or in the college and that apply to other disciplines and content areas
3. create interactive digital learning material
4. create interdisciplinary learning materials

Writing Your Proposal

In no more than two-typed pages, include the following information:

1. Faculty to be involved
2. A brief description of materials to be developed (i.e. interactive PowerPoint, interactive learning module, webliographies, mind-maps, animated Flash diagrams, audio clips, video clips, entire online course etc.)
3. A brief justification stating the need for these materials.
4. A brief statement of how these materials might be utilized by your colleagues?
5. An explanation of what disciplines might use these materials?
6. A supporting statement from your Department Head/Dean indicating their interest in the project and the value of the materials to departmental goals.

Project Timeline

Proposal Due	Decision of Awards	Project Completion	Project Implementation	Evaluation & Final Report
Feb. 15th	March. 30th	Nov. 30th	Spring	May 30th
Oct. 15th	Nov. 30th	May 1st	Fall	Dec. 15th

* Project timeline may change based on the complexity of the project.

Please submit proposals as electronic file by email attachment to cit@bergen.edu. Materials to be housed in a special section of the library and CIT Website.