

2006-07 CVC Online Education Awards Program

Attention California Community Colleges online instructors: Are you achieving excellence in distance education? Have you created an exemplary online course? Would you like the opportunity to be recognized for your work?

Fame, fortune and (paid) travel could be yours if your online course is chosen as a recipient of the California Virtual Campus (CVC) Online Education Award. The CVC Online Education Awards Program is a new online education mini-grant competition for California Community Colleges (CCC) faculty.

During the first phase of the competition, ending in January 2007, as many as ten applicants will receive a \$1,000 stipend and contract, and an opportunity to compete for additional compensation. The initial stipends will be granted to faculty members who submit winning proposals for improving an existing online course or for developing an online course that has been approved through the curriculum peer-review process of their college.

Three-quarters of the stipend will be paid at the beginning of the contract and the remaining \$250 upon completion of the agreed-upon course development/improvements. Proposed course development/improvement work and a final report need to be completed by April 21, 2007.

During late April and May 2007, the CVC competition judges will review the course development/improvement work that has been done and identify as many as three winners of additional stipends, based upon a set of published criteria. The three winners will receive \$2,500 for First Place, \$1,500 for Second Place and \$500 for Third Place.

As a condition for accepting one of these awards, all three winners of the additional stipends must agree to showcase and formally present their online courses at the 2007 CVC/@ONE/CCC Confer Online Teaching Conference (OTC) on June 11-12 at Ohlone College. CVC will pay the winning presenter's travel and lodging expenses for the OTC.

The First Place winner also agrees to submit the winning course for consideration by the MERLOT International Conference (MIC) Planning Committee as a possible presentation at the next MIC in summer 2007. If the MIC Planning

Committee accepts the presentation, CVC will pay the presenter's travel and lodging expenses for the MIC.

CVC will assist the three winners in preparing digital videos or PowerPoint presentations of their courses. Those will be made available on the Web to other faculty who may be interested. The reports from all ten projects that were funded in January 2007 will also be made available through the CVC Website's Online Learning Exchange (OLÉ) to interested persons.

The CVC Online Education Awards Program is designed to stimulate and foster the development of shareable online teaching materials within the California Community College System. We would like to encourage all CCC faculty members who are developing new online courses or improving existing courses to submit a proposal for funding consideration.

More information about the awards program general guidelines, eligibility requirements and selection criteria is available at the CVC Web site at <http://pdc.cvc.edu/cvaward/> An online application is available at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=58482715219>

Applications for the competition will be accepted through December 8, 2006.

Questions about the awards may be sent to the CVC mailing list or directed to:

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