

OLLI CURRICULUM ENHANCEMENT GRANTS Overview

The OLLI Curriculum Enhancement Grants (CEG) program was created to enhance OLLI course offerings by providing financial assistance to OLLI members and instructors who have been with OLLI for at least three terms and who desire to expand their knowledge and develop new courses or create new focus areas or Special Interest Groups or series of seminars or other offerings.

Members and instructors may apply for grants up to \$2,000. The committee reserves the right to award an amount less than requested. The types of expenses funded by the grants might include cost of attending workshops; participating in conferences; publishing or marketing books or other publications; various research materials; and travel required to pursue fields of study. Grant funds cover the recipient only and cannot be used for a spouse or other traveling companion.

OLLI members receiving grants will be required to share the results of their work with OLLI membership within two years of being awarded the OLLI CEG. For example, the grantees might create a new OLLI course or workshop, present a series of readings of their work, or develop a new focus area within OLLI such as a new committee or Special Interest Group. The grantees will also be required to submit written evaluations of their experiences with both their projects and their sharing or outreach to the membership.

OLLI CURRICULUM ENHANCEMENT GRANT Requirements

1. Applicants must have been OLLI members for at least three terms (not necessarily consecutive).
2. Projects must be consistent with OLLI at Furman's mission and vision.

MISSION

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Furman is a member run, member driven, diverse learning community of senior adults engaged in non-credit educational courses and programs, social opportunities and physical activities that inspire students to stay mentally and physically active in a supportive, nurturing and fulfilling university environment.

VISION

OLLI at Furman, a division of Furman University's Continuing Education Department operating out of the Herring Center for Continuing Education, will be a premier adult lifelong learning community of Greater Greenville and a leading program in the network of Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes. OLLI will energize the mind and body through a diverse and stimulating offering of courses, seminars, trips, and social activities conducted in enriching physical and social environments. OLLI will foster member participation and fulfillment, encourage understanding and respect for others, and promote inclusion and intergenerational involvement with the Furman University and Greenville communities. The evolving success of the program will be measured by the enthusiasm and excitement exhibited by our members for the courses, instructors and various programs, by member participation in the operation of the program, by retained and increased membership, and by the sense of community members share with one another.

3. Applications for grants are due in October or March each year and may be submitted in hard copy format or via online form on the OLLI website. The OLLI Curriculum Enhancement Grant (CEG) Committee will meet in October and in March to review and to recommend awards to the OLLI Council. Fall applicants will be notified in November and Spring applicants in April. The grants will be publicly announced at the OLLI Annual Spring Luncheon.
4. Grant funds will be used to reimburse grantees for documented expenses consistent with their approved applications, and will not be distributed prospectively. Grants may not be used for expenses already incurred, for computer hardware, or for purchase of software or materials that cannot be shared with the membership. Any materials purchased will remain under the ownership of OLLI.
5. The grant will be funded when the applicant submits documented (original receipts only) expenses consistent with the approved application and a written evaluation of the experience.
6. The outcome of each applicant's project must be shared with the membership within two years of receipt of the funding.
7. Grantees must submit two written reports of their experiences in carrying out their projects, one due upon completion of the project and another upon completion of the sharing of the projects with the

membership. If this latter requirement is not met, grantee will be expected to return fifty percent of the grant funds received back to the program before he/she is able to teach again at OLLI.

8. Grantees are encouraged to come to a grants committee meeting to present on their experience.

9. A member or instructor who has been awarded a CEG may apply for another grant after one year.

9. An incomplete application will be returned to the applicant and not reviewed until completed. Receipt of funding comes with the expectation that the applicant is willing to share their experience and expertise with the OLLI membership.