Innovative Teaching Awards Frequently Asked Questions

1) When will the funds be available?
   a. The funds would be made available soon after notification of winning. Winners will need to fill out paperwork for our finance department. Electronic transfers are then sent promptly to your institutions.

2) Are the funds based on reimbursement or up-front?
   a. The funds will be paid up-front based on the budget you submit, except for the.

3) Are the proposals for a one semester project or a multiple year project?
   a. The project is not time-limited.

4) What if the university does not have matching funds?
   a. Each project will be reviewed and scored based on the criteria listed in the call for proposals. If the institution will not match, you will not be automatically disqualified, but it may lower your overall score under the reviewing rubric.

5) How long should the proposal be?
   a. Up to a maximum of four pages.

6) Does that include the letters from the institutions?
   a. No, the letters are additional. Also, you are welcome to send supporting materials you think are necessary to clarify your proposal.

7) If I asked for funds to support a grad student in helping me deliver the course, is that an acceptable request?
   a. Hourly wages for a graduate student would be fine.

8) Does the secondary institution also need to submit a budget?
   a. No, a single budget will suffice. Funds can be split among institutions or used entirely by one institution. In the latter case, both institutions need to agree to this.

9) Is the program designed to include international collaboration?
   a. International collaboration is welcomed.

10) Where do these funds come from?
    a. The funds are coming from APLU’s Board on Agriculture Assembly’s Academic Programs Section reserve fund, which gets its funds from assessments on member institutions. The assessments are based on enrollment numbers at colleges of agriculture at member institutions. APLU is a 501(c)3.
11) Are disciplines in human sciences, natural resources, and social sciences included in this or is it only the agricultural sciences?
   a. The human sciences, natural resources, and social sciences disciplines are included as are ag communications and ag education.

12) Does the senior faculty member have to be tenured?
   a. No, an experienced lecturer or other faculty member can participate. The idea is to foster mentoring among faculty.

13) Do past winners have an advantage over new applicants?
   a. No, APS reviewers do not provide any advantage to previous winners. In fact, we limit previous winners from applying too frequently by prohibiting them from applying for new applications for three year after winning.

14) What is the success rate?
   a. The average success rate per year is 55%.