



Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to share with you the new guidelines for the United Board's institutional grants for 2015-2016. Please see the attached document, as well as the new posting on the UB website.

We have redesigned these guidelines using the input from you and from the United Board's trustees. We have tried to explain clearly what proposals should include, and what the UB cannot fund.

Proposals are due at the UB on October 31, 2014. Please share these expanded guidelines with your colleagues as they may wish to consider a possible application for a UB institutional grant.

The purpose of the institutional grants program is to promote Whole Person Education. We continue to invite applications in the three thematic areas:

- Interreligious Understanding and Peace Education (IUP)
- Asian Folklore and Cultural Heritage Studies (also known as Local Knowledge), and
- Service-Learning and Campus-Community Partnerships

However, we are open to proposals for projects in a wider range of topics that reflect the priorities of colleges/universities with which we work and that help to create more effective Whole Person Education. We continue to promote service-learning, for example, but are open to other projects that build campus community partnerships. Proposals on environment and health may be submitted only as service-learning projects. Please consult our website for a full description of UB programs.

In the future, the UB expects to approve fewer proposals for somewhat larger projects that address major issues and support important initiatives at the college/university level. These may be multi-year grants. Meanwhile, we have created a Small Grants Program for innovative activities in Whole Person Education that request support from the UB for less than US\$5,000. There is no deadline for these proposals; applications may be made on a rolling basis. Please refer to the guidelines as attached and on the UB website.

I am honored to have joined the United Board as Vice President for Programs last year. I have enjoyed meeting many of you in the last year, and look forward to more opportunities to visit your campuses and meet you and your colleagues in the future.

I hope you find these revisions to the UB Institutional Grants Program clear and conducive to good utilization of our limited resources to enrich Whole Person Education in Asian colleges and universities. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Glenn Shive, PhD

Attachments: (1)Institutional Grants Program Guidelines, (2)Small Grants Program, (3)Proposed Budget Worksheet