2027 CITL TechTrendsetters Grant: Redefining Classroom Boundaries

The TechTrendsetters Grant, led by the Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning (CITL) at Tennessee Tech University, is designed to boost faculty engagement and proficiency in incorporating emerging technologies, tools, and digital literacy into their curricula. This initiative strives to elevate educational practices and equip students for a digital-first world through innovative teaching methodologies.

The purpose of this grant is to seamlessly integrate advanced technological tools and digital literacy concepts into existing curricula, enhancing faculty and student interactions with cutting-edge digital resources. It focuses on the development and integration of digital technologies and literacy into educational programs at Tennessee Tech University.

Timeline:

January 25, 2027 - Applications Open
March 22, 2027 - Application Deadline
May 4, 2027 - Grant Kick-Off
May 2027-May 2028 - OLC Online Teaching Cohort
Fall 2027 - Course Roll-out and Preparation / work on Electives
Spring 2028 - Course Roll-out; Complete OLC electives, Final presentation, & Dissemination

General Information

1. Name (First & Last):

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2. Faculty Rank

- Adjunct
- Instructor

- Lecturer
- Assistant Professor
- Associate Professor
- Professor

3. College

- College of Agriculture and Human Ecology
- College of Arts & Sciences
- College of Business
- College of Education & Human Sciences
- College of Emerging and Integrative Studies
- College of Engineering
- College of Fine Arts
- Whitson-Hester School of Nursing
- Volpe Library

4. Department

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Proposal Readiness Questionnaire

5. Proposal Concept

Please explain how your proposal redefines classroom boundaries through boosting faculty engagement and proficiency in incorporating emerging technologies, tools, and digital literacy into your course.

[Text Box]

6. Undergraduate or Graduate Course

- Undergraduate
- Graduate

7. Proposed semester of course offering.

- Fall 2027
- Spring 2028

Goals & Objectives

8. Describe how your proposal will align with your course/program.

[Text Box]

9. As part of the Strategic Plan - Innovation in All We Do, describe how your proposal incorporates innovation and technology within the classroom.
[Text Box]

Technology Proposal

Please use the format in the Technology Request Budget on the website to submit your proposed technology budget.

10. Technology Request Budget (upload excel file- see webpage for Template)
[Upload File Button]

11. Please describe how this technology will be used throughout the course and how it will directly benefit your students.
[Text Box]

12. Who is your Tier 2?
NOTE: If you are unsure who your department/school's Tier 2 is, please contact your Dept. Chair/School Director.

Final Questions

13. Please type your name below to acknowledge that you have notified your Department Chair/School Director of your proposal for this course and they have approved the course offering.
[Text Box]

14. I understand that the grant cycle begins May 4, 2027, and that all course elements are to be completed by January 31, 2028.

- Yes
- Further discussion needed.

15. Is there anything else you want the proposal review group to consider as they make final selections?

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