2017-2018 MV Transportation Instructor Stipend

Request for Proposals

About
MV Transportation, the private transportation contracting firm that operates Lawrence Transit for the City of Lawrence and KU on Wheels, provides funding to support experiential learning opportunities for KU students.

Award
Up to three $1000 stipends are available for KU instructors of record who want to integrate an applied learning project related to public transportation into a Spring 2018 course. In addition to the stipend, instructors may submit a project budget that can request up to $1000 to cover materials, books, and other project supplies.

MV Transportation is interested in funding projects that will provide students in the course with opportunities to integrate classroom learning in real-world situations, while exploring questions such as (but not limited to):

*How can the public transit experience in Lawrence, Kansas be improved? What features would make using the public transportation system in Lawrence enjoyable and personal? How can Lawrence public transit and KU on Wheels better communicate the value of the public transit system in Lawrence? How can meaningful experiences be created in a space that is traditionally transactional and utilitarian in nature? What is the future of public transit and how can KU best partner with vendors such as MV Transit to meet the needs of the community?*

Instructor stipend recipients and their students will have access to staff from MV Transportation, Lawrence Transit System, and KU on Wheels. Phone conversations, in-person meetings, etc. throughout the duration of the project are highly encouraged.

An information session about the MV Transportation Instructor Stipend will be held on Tuesday, October 10 from 3-4 PM in the English Room at the Kansas Union if you have questions about the stipend or application. Representatives from MV Transportation, KU on Wheels, and Lawrence Transit will be available to answer questions.

Eligibility
The stipend application is open to KU Instructors of Record teaching undergraduate or graduate Spring 2018 courses from all KU schools and academic departments.
Class Project Proposal
As part of the stipend application, you must submit a proposal for a class project related to public transportation that students will complete. Projects can come from a variety of disciplines but it is preferable that final projects have the potential to enhance, benefit or otherwise further the advancement of public transportation as it relates to MV Transportation, KU on Wheels or the City of Lawrence.

In no more than 750 words, the class project proposal should:

• Describe the course and student learning outcomes.
• Describe the transportation-related project students in the class will complete and how the project supports course learning outcomes.
• Outline how student learning will be assessed.

Line item budget (Optional): Instructors may request up to $1000 for supplies, materials, etc. to support the project. (The budget is not included in the 750 word count limit.)

Syllabus (Optional): Instructors may also include a syllabus with the application to provide further context for the class project proposal.

MV Transportation Stipend Expectations
Funding recipients will be required to meet the follow expectations:

• Teach a spring 2018 class that will integrate a transportation-related applied learning project into the course content.
• Have students publicly present final project and defined deliverables based on project proposal at the end of the Spring 2018. Deliverables can include but are not limited to scale models, project book, performance, video, data report, material samples, financial model, etc. as appropriate for the class project.
• Have students participate in a group reflection session at the end of the project with transit representatives at the end of the semester.

Application Deadline
• All applications must be submitted by Friday, October 27, 2017 at Noon, CST.

Recipients of stipends will be notified by the end of November 2017.
**How to Apply**

Please fill out the web form found on the experiential learning website:

https://experience.ku.edu/node/172/

You will be able to upload your project proposal, budget, and or/syllabus on the web form as well.

Questions? Please contact the Program Coordinator for Experiential Learning with questions:
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