2025-2026 Provost's Common Curriculum Grant Competition for NEW THEMES
Call for Proposals

The new Common Curriculum (CC) for Leadership and Global Citizenship launched in Fall 2025, and we are now seeking proposals for new Themes.

There will be three separate grant competitions this year:
1. Grant for NEW Courses
2. Grant for REVISED Courses
3. **Grant for NEW Themes**

This CFP is for NEW THEMES. You may submit more than one grant proposal if you want to develop more than one Theme.

CCC+ recognizes that a lot of work goes into the development and approval of Themes. We therefore offer this competition to provide compensation for that work to any faculty member or department that would like to take on the project of creating a Theme. Please read the guidelines on our general Themes proposal page carefully before submitting a grant. Note that this grant proposal is a separate process from the Themes approval process. It essentially takes the place of the "Letter of Intent" portion of the Theme proposal process. For questions, please contact karen.mcdermott@uconn.edu.

Proposal Submission
Each proposal should include:
1) Thorough but concise answers to the questions in the proposal form (see supplied form for technical guidelines and requirements)
2) An emailed statement of support (see template) from the department or unit head of the department/unit that will be spearheading the work.

Who Can Submit
Fulltime tenure and fulltime non-tenure track faculty with the permission of their department head can submit proposals. Proposals from adjunct faculty or graduate students are generally not accepted, but an exception might be made under special circumstances and with written approval of the department head ***prior*** to the grant deadline.

Due Date
Proposals are due by 11:59pm on November 21, 2025.

Award Amount and Funding Details
- ALL awards are for $6000, no more, no less. Any proposal funded will receive that amount.
- In the past, the award amount has been inclusive of fringe. That is, the amount listed included fringe so the base stipend was less than the award amount. This year, the $6000 is the base stipend, and fringe will be added on top of that.
- Funding will automatically be applied toward summer salary for anyone receiving an award, so there is no budget form for this grant.
- Proposals with multiple awardees can divide the funding amongst them however they wish.
- If faculty wish to receive payment at overload pay, that must be coordinated with their department, and the department will be responsible for processing all HR and payroll paperwork.
- Faculty have the option to transfer their award to their faculty research account instead of it being used toward summer salary. Please note that – per HR – the award is not transferred to the account until the end of the grant period.

Submission
An electronic copy of the proposal should be sent to commoncurr@uconn.edu with the Subject Line "Theme Grant Proposal - Provost's Common Curriculum Grant." Emails of support can be sent separately, but please be advised that proposals will not be considered for funding until the emails of support are received.

Evaluation Committee
Proposals will be reviewed by a committee of faculty and representatives from CCC+ subcommittees, the Instructional Design and Development Group in the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, and colleagues with expertise in related areas.

Requirements for Awarded Proposals
Faculty who receive funding for their proposal will be expected to collect and submit the following to CCC+ **by September 15, 2026:**
- An official Theme proposal form (Form link to be provided to awardees)
- Proof of permission from each department in the Theme to use their course(s) in the Theme
- A TOI-aligned syllabus for each course in the Theme that uses the approved Student Learning Objectives (SLOs)

Timeline
Submission Deadline – November 21, 2025
Awards announced – By the end of January 2026
Summer salary paid out to awardees – Summer 2026
Theme Form submitted in the system – By September 15, 2026
Theme approved by University Senate before February 5, 2027
Theme available for the first time – AY 27-28

Contact

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