



SALTISE

Supporting Active Learning & Technological Innovation in Studies of Education

Call for Applications
SALTISE Mini-Grants - Winter 2016
Fostering Local Communities of Practice

The mission of SALTISE is built into its name: Supporting Active Learning and Technological Innovations in the Studies of Education. Over the last few years SALTISE has extended its support to include instructors from all disciplines and not solely science educators. To achieve its mission, SALTISE has brought back one of its most successful initiatives and will be awarding:

Eight (8) mini-grants to candidates from the post-secondary sectors in Quebec (faculty and professionals are eligible). The aim of the SALTISE mini-grant program is to support efforts that promote student-centered active learning at the post-secondary level.

Grants will be awarded to projects that build or sustain on-going groups (or individuals looking to build a group) producing activities and technological innovations that promote active learning. The outcome of the ideal project will see students improve their learning through participation in a learning activity or through the use of a learning tool.

Mini-grants will be funded to a maximum of \$2,000 each. Candidates must be ready to start their projects in the upcoming semester - Winter 2016. All projects must be completed no later than June 1st, 2016.

Requirements:

- To create a “product” related to teaching with active learning pedagogy or technology. Projects could include, but not limited to, the following ideas: in-class or online active learning activities; prototypes and documentation of ways of using a particular technology to teach; software applications or simulations; appropriate evaluation tools for active learning pedagogies.
- To submit a monthly BLOG entry to the SALTISE web site reporting on the progress and challenges of your project (more details to follow).
- To participate in the SALTISE Summer conference (June, 2016), and present your final project. Projects will be eligible for the SALTISE Innovation Award to be presented at the conference.
- To make all products and applications, related to the mini-grant, available to the larger community via the SALTISE web site.

Proposal should be no more than 2 pages (maximum 1000 words) and include the following:

- Name and institutional affiliation. Note that projects involving groups with inter-disciplinary, or inter- institutional affiliations will be viewed favourably.
- General description of the project being proposed – activity and/or technology use. This should include a brief background search to determine whether similar products have already been developed locally. In which case, how this current project plans to improve/adapt/repurpose the product(s).
- The learning objective(s) and/or possible learning outcome(s) of the project; and, a description of how these are related to a specific course(s) within your program.
- A description of the required resources to carry out the project; and, clear details of how the budget will be spent. (N.B., disbursement of the funds to be stipulated in the contract once awarded).
- The knowledge and skills you (and your team) bring to this project.
- A description of the method of evaluating the success of the project.

Ineligible expenses:

- Payments to yourself, as “salary”, are ineligible. If you are hiring relatives, please note this may be problematic for the “conflict of interest” clause that is common at most institutions. In such cases, please advise us in advance so that we can discuss the implications and possible alternatives.

Proposals are to be submitted electronically: info@saltise.ca

Send to the attention of: Director of SALTISE

Deadline (on or before): December 11, 5:00 p.m. EST

Proposals will be reviewed by a sub-committee of the SALTISE Advisory Committee. Awards will be announced on December 21, 2015.