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### Maricopa Community College District **Learning Grants:**

- Support innovative projects that are designed to enhance student learning, promote student success, and further innovation in teaching and learning.
- Support projects on a one-time, one-year basis.
- Are flexible and intended to support ideas and projects at the appropriate stage of development.

Qualifying proposals range from formative ideas that explore learning concepts to fully tested models ready to be adopted and disseminated. **Before** submitting your learning grant, you **are required** to discuss your project idea with your Vice President of Academic Affairs. You may also want to discuss your proposal with your Division Chair and Faculty Development Coordinator.

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For 2011-2012 funding, applications will be accepted from

Wednesday, March 9, 2011 to Friday, April 8, 2011.

**Applications received after 5:00 p.m. on April 8, 2011, will not be considered.**

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## What Are Some Examples of Funded Projects?

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- [Pilot of Writing-across-the-Curriculum Interdisciplinary Approach to Addressing Writing Transferability Issues](http://mcli.maricopa.edu/node/237?words=Addressing+Writing+Transferability+Issues&year=0910&college=&search=Show+results) (<http://mcli.maricopa.edu/node/237?words=Addressing+Writing+Transferability+Issues&year=0910&college=&search=Show+results>)
- [Lalo Alcaraz: Cartoons in the Borderlands](http://mcli.maricopa.edu/node/237?words=Lalo+Alcaraz&year=0910&college=&search=Show+results) (<http://mcli.maricopa.edu/node/237?words=Lalo+Alcaraz&year=0910&college=&search=Show+results>)
- [Digital Storytelling Premier: One World, Many Voices](http://mcli.maricopa.edu/node/237?words=Digital+Storytelling+Premier&year=0405&college=&search=Show+results) (<http://mcli.maricopa.edu/node/237?words=Digital+Storytelling+Premier&year=0405&college=&search=Show+results>)
- [Interactive Anatomy and Physiology Tutorials](http://mcli.maricopa.edu/node/237?words=Interactive+Anatomy+Physiology+Tutorials&year=0405&college=&search=Show+results) (<http://mcli.maricopa.edu/node/237?words=Interactive+Anatomy+Physiology+Tutorials&year=0405&college=&search=Show+results>)
- [Latin American Film Festival](http://mcli.maricopa.edu/node/237?words=Latin+American+Film+Festival&year=0405&college=&search=Show+results) (<http://mcli.maricopa.edu/node/237?words=Latin+American+Film+Festival&year=0405&college=&search=Show+results>)
- [Cultivating Communities of Practice](http://mcli.maricopa.edu/node/237?words=Cultivating+Communities+Practice&year=0405&college=&search=Show+results) (<http://mcli.maricopa.edu/node/237?words=Cultivating+Communities+Practice&year=0405&college=&search=Show+results>)

See more examples in the [Learning Grant Gallery \(/learning-grants/gallery\)](#)

## What is not supported by Learning Grants?

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- Purchases of software and equipment such as computers, digital cameras, DVD players, display cases, etc.
- Continuation of "soft money" projects, including continuation of projects previously funded through learning grants
- Routine responsibilities of the faculty, college, or center submitting the proposal
- Projects that cross multiple fiscal years (July 1-June 30)
- Stipends for attending faculty development events
- Projects that are covered under Faculty Professional Growth Guidelines, e.g. travel, academic advancement

See information on [FPG Guidelines](http://www.mcli.dist.maricopa.edu/fpg/) (<http://www.mcli.dist.maricopa.edu/fpg/>)

## Who Can Apply For Learning Grants?

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- All faculty, residential, adjunct, and one-year-only (OYO), administrators, and staff are eligible to apply.
- Adjunct faculty and one-year-only faculty should team up with a residential faculty member or department/division chair to provide an on-campus contact for the grant. Inclusion on a learning grant application does not guarantee future employment with Maricopa.
- Learning Grant recipients who have not submitted final reports for previously funded projects may not be considered for 2011-2012 grant awards. If you have any questions about final reports and eligibility, please contact the Maricopa Center for Learning and Instruction at (480) 731-8300.
- **Note:** There is no reassigned time. Salaries for faculty participating in one or more grants cannot exceed the replacement value of six load hours of reassigned time or the equivalent dollars on extended contracts in one fiscal year.

## How Much Money Is Available for a Grant?

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Allocations are up to \$12,000 per project depending on project goals; types of activities and events proposed; resources required; degree of involvement of faculty, students, and administrators; and potential benefits to students.

## How Does the Online Process Work?

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The entire application, review, and management of the Learning Grants will be handled completely online. Your [personalized Learning Grants page](#) (<http://www.mcli.dist.maricopa.edu/learngrant/mylg/index.php>) will list all grants you have submitted or on which you are listed as a grant participant, as well as grants from previous years.

The process works as follows: [My Grants](#) (<http://www.mcli.dist.maricopa.edu/learngrant/mylg/index.php>) is your personalized space for creating, tracking, and reviewing Learning Grant applications. To start working on an application, create an account based on your email address. First time users will receive their passwords via email within seconds of clicking **Create My Account**. If you created an account last year, you can use the same password and click **Go to My Grants**.

Starting **March 9, 2011**, to work on your application, click **New Grant**. The **Application Outline** briefly describes the five steps for preparing the application.

1. The Applicants (who is applying)
2. Grant Overview (grant summary)
3. Project Proposal
  - Project description with goals and objectives
  - Alignment with college's strategic priorities
  - Impact on student learning and student success
  - Innovative nature of the project and reflection of best practices in discipline
  - Evaluation of success
  - Dissemination of results
4. Plan for Implementation
5. Itemized Budget

Remember, before submitting your application, you must discuss your project idea with your Vice President of Academic Affairs. For additional tips on completing your application, read the [Four-D's for success \(/learning-grants/writing-help\)](#).

## How Do I Submit My Application?

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- Once your draft is finished and ready to be sent to MCLI, click **Submit** on the **Application Overview** screen. You will receive a confirmation by email.
- When you submit your completed application, a copy will be sent automatically to your Vice President of Academic Affairs and Division/Department Chair.

## Who Will Review My Learning Grant?

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Your application will be reviewed based on the merits of the proposed project and available funds. Maricopa faculty reviewers are selected based on the nature of the proposed project.

## When Will I Be Notified?

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You, as well as your Vice President of Academic Affairs and Division Chair, can expect notification on your grant application in May, 2011.

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