

Whitworth 2021 Strategic Initiative Fund (SIF) Request for Proposals

The Office of the President and University Council extend the opportunity for Whitworth faculty and staff to apply for funds to implement initiatives that support the Whitworth 2021 vision and strategic plan. The Strategic Initiative Fund (SIF) was developed to support progressive actions toward the successful implementation of Whitworth's 10-year vision. After assessment of the university's budget for fiscal year 2011-12, **\$50,000** has been allotted for this round of proposals. Due to limited funding this year, we are unable to grant awards for multiple rounds of funding. Thus, all proposals should anticipate only one round of funding.

Proposals should address the following three strategic priorities: (1) Staff Development and Training, (2) Faculty-Student Interactions, and/or (3) Enriching and Enhancing Student Services.

Final proposals should be submitted to your divisional vice president no later than January 10, 2012 with the expectation that funded initiatives would be implemented no later than Fall 2012. Please note that department chairs and directors are also required to approve each proposal before being submitted to your divisional vice president. Please submit your proposal using the Whitworth 2021 Strategic Initiative Fund Request Form, which can be accessed via the Whitworth 2021 website and Pirate Port. Proposals should address the questions below, and be no longer than two pages in length.

Once you have submitted your proposal, it will be reviewed by the University Council and the President's Cabinet. Award notifications will be made February 29, 2012. If you have any questions or need additional information about the process, please contact Rhosetta Rhodes at 777-4238.

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1. Name and description of strategic initiative (either new or current effort).

 2. What specific Whitworth 2021 objective(s) does the initiative address?

 3. How will you measure the effectiveness of the effort against key performance indicators in the plan, or other measures of success?

 4. What is the timeline for the initiative, including anticipated expenditures and assessment?

5. What resources (both financial and non-financial) does the initiative require?
 - a. Are required financial resources one-time or permanent?
 - b. How much can be supported through internal reallocations or other resources within your department?
 - c. What are the workload implications?
 - d. Has the project been reviewed by all affected departments (e.g. other academic departments, information technology, residence life, etc.)?
6. Would your proposal provide incremental revenue generation?
7. Who is (are) the key person(s) responsible for the initiative?

Attach supporting documentation and submit to area director/department chair.

Approval of Area Director/Department Chair: _____

Approval of Area Vice President: _____