What are these awards?
For Summer 2016, the Center for Teaching Excellence will provide travel funds for faculty members through the TREAT program. This program is designed to encourage Lawrence campus faculty members to explore cutting-edge work being done in teaching, helping them become part of the national and international communities of excellence in teaching. Interdisciplinary conferences and workshops on teaching—such as the Wakonse conferences on college teaching, Association of American Colleges & Universities conferences, Lilly conferences on college and university teaching, the National Forum on Active Learning Classrooms, and the SoTL Commons at Georgia Southern University—are prime examples of the types of activities that will be supported. Interdisciplinary teaching conferences/workshops are preferred, since the ideas and results shared at these kinds of gatherings have the greatest generality.

The TREAT program may support travel for presentations; however, the program’s primary purpose is to deepen faculty members’ understanding of and interest in the scholarship of teaching.

Award amounts may vary; the maximum amount of each award will be $1250. Up to $5000 is available for Summer 2016. Full-time, tenure-track faculty members will be given preference. In addition, preference will be given for travel not likely to be funded through other sources.

What are the criteria?
1. Impact—Successful applications will specify ways that conference/workshop participation may yield teaching practices that impact students’ learning.
2. Dissemination—If you receive a TREAT award, you’ll share with the campus community what you learned at the conference/workshop. Examples include presenting a mini-workshop at CTE or for your department, writing a short article for the CTE newsletter, developing materials for the CTE website, or presenting a breakout at the New GTA Conference or KU Summit.

How do you apply?
Submit a one-page letter of application to Judy Eddy at jeddy@ku.edu, addressing the questions below:
1. What is your home department/program? What is your rank, and how many years have you taught at KU?
2. What conference or workshop do you wish to attend? Please provide the name of the organization, dates, and location, as well as a budget outlining estimated cost of attendance (registration and anticipated travel expenses). Describe the nature of the meeting and the kind of teaching work that is typically presented.
3. What, specifically, do you hope to learn at this conference/workshop, and in what ways do you hope it will impact students’ learning?
4. How will you share what you have learned with the KU community?

Applications must not exceed one page.

Key dates
March 24        Deadline for Summer 2016 applications
April 18        Recipients notified

For more information
Contact Judy Eddy, Center for Teaching Excellence, at 785-864-4199 or jeddy@ku.edu.

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