CEU Teaching Development Grants to support individual faculty members in the development of teaching projects are available on a competitive basis with funds up to 3,000 euros per project per academic year. Teaching Development Projects should be designed to focus on inquiry and experimentation, particularly in areas outlined in the CEU Strategic Plan: greater development of connections between research and teaching; using new technologies to support learning; incorporation of problem-based learning; teaching with case studies; the development of interdisciplinary approaches to teaching; and other research-based teaching strategies.

The project should advance the grantee’s development as a teacher and lead to positive changes in their teaching practice. The outcomes of the projects should be measurable and sustainable beyond its lifetime.

Teaching Development Grant funds may be used to hire a doctoral student to serve as a Teaching Development Grant project assistant, to attend teaching-related workshops and conferences, or to purchase software or other teaching-related equipment or materials required for implementation of the teaching development project. The fund may not be used for faculty salary support. Grants will be available annually on a competitive basis. CEU teaching faculty members who hold formal CEU faculty appointment and rank with the University over the period of the project are eligible to apply.

Project Support from the CEU Elkana Center

Grant recipients may choose to work with CEU's Yehuda Elkana Center for Teaching, Learning and Higher Education Research (the Elkana Center) through all phases of their teaching innovation projects. In such cases, the Elkana Center faculty are available to collaborate with individual faculty members to explore teaching ideas and challenges that interest applicants as they develop their project proposal; consult with interested faculty members and doctoral student project assistants as they develop their ideas into pilots and small-scale teaching innovations; and share feedback and research insights during the implementation of the projects and follow-up activities, including possible video documentation and analysis.
Review Process and Criteria

The call for applications for CEU Teaching Development Grants will be announced at the beginning of each academic year and will be awarded in two cycles:

Second funding cycle of the 2023-2024 AY: Applications for projects to begin also during academic year 2023-2024 will be due on 15 November 2023. Grant awards for this cycle will be announced in early January 2024.

First funding cycle of the 2024-2025 AY: Applications for projects to begin in the next academic year in 2024-2025 are due on 15 May 2024. Grant awards for this cycle will be announced in June 2024.

Applications will be reviewed by the Pro-rector for Teaching and Learning and 2-3 additional rotating faculty members. The director of the Elkana Center will serve ex officio.

Projects will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Clear articulation of the motivation for undertaking the project and project goals
- Plan for future development (of the project/course, as well as professional development of the teacher);
- Feasibility;
- Potential to improve student learning;
- Compatibility with the CEU Strategic Plan;
- Meaningful use of technology to support student learning (in the case of innovation projects focusing on technology, integration);
- Budget.

Projects should be completed within one year, and a short final, narrative report will be required within three months of project completion. There's no need to submit a financial report.

Questions regarding budget and personnel cost calculation, as well as the applications and reporting information should be directed to Veronika Csapó of ACRO at: csapov@ceu.edu.

If applicants wish to meet with faculty members at the Elkana Center to discuss their teaching project ideas, please contact Michael Kozakowski at: KozakowskiM@ceu.edu