

## **UHD HyFlex Grants—Call for Participants**

### **Office of the Provost**

### **April 2021**

In concert with a general move in higher education in the last year, UHD has installed new classroom technology to allow more flexibility in student engagement. While initiated as a response to the pandemic social distancing and remote work requirements, this technology now provides an opportunity to explore and refine new pedagogies and access options for our classes.

While referred to as “HyFlex” pedagogy broadly in the literature, faculty at UHD must determine how best to engage this technology to the benefit of students and how to define HyFlex pedagogy and course offerings in ways that recognize best practices, our specific student population, and faculty resource and workload potential.

**As we continue this conversation, we need faculty who are willing to explore the model and provide feedback to colleagues and administration about challenges, needs, and strategies to inform decisions about teaching resources, registration and course coding protocols, workload definitions, etc.**

**As such, we are offering mini-grants of \$1,000 in professional development funds to faculty who teach a HyFlex course in Fall 2021 and are willing to share their experiences in activities listed below.** Professional development funds can be used to support conferences, new equipment, research resources, classroom resources, etc. (Funds are not available for stipend or course releases.) The funds will be available no later than November 2021.

For Fall 2021, this means that you are teaching an in-person section that is linked to a synchronous online section. Combined section size should not exceed the normal caps for the course in question. (NOTE: if conditions allow a return to regular classroom capacities, then students in the synchronous section would simply be allowed to join the in-person folks if they choose. The combined section size will not increase for these courses.) Additional conversation will determine how these courses will be scheduled and capped in the future.

Activities for Fall 2021 HyFlex Grants:

- Attend HyFlex room training on campus at least 2 weeks before classes start.
- Attend meeting of all HyFlex instructors in week of August 9 to discuss key pedagogical strategies, relevant syllabus content, etc.
- Participate in 3-4 discussions throughout the semester, facilitated through the Office of the Provost.
- Provide feedback on your experience through at least two surveys during and at end of fall semester.

**If you are interested in applying for this grant program, please first discuss with your department chair to confirm fit and relevance for your teaching schedule.** Faculty currently scheduled for HyFlex are also eligible but are not automatically signed up—please complete the form if you are interested. Once confirmed with the chair, please click here to complete a brief form: [http://uhd.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_1U0z5WCbAj65ZEa](http://uhd.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1U0z5WCbAj65ZEa)

In coming months, we will be working through a range of groups to discuss what HyFlex means at UHD and how we can leverage the technology and the vision to better deliver our high-quality UHD education.