SCHOLARSHIP OF TEACHING AND LEARNING (SoTL) 
FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES – FY 18

At Illinois State University, we define SoTL as the “systematic reflection/study on teaching and learning of ISU students made public.” This definition was created to include a wide range of research (broadly defined) on the teaching and learning of our ISU students that is presented, published, created, or performed.

SoTL Travel Grants:
Applications are currently being accepted for the SoTL Travel Grant Program - FY18. The program is designed to encourage public sharing of SoTL work related to the teaching and/or learning of ISU students. The program provides partial funding for travel to present SoTL work. Funds may be used toward conference registration and/or travel costs. This applies to a trip already taken (and not fully reimbursed) or to be taken, to present SoTL work this fiscal year. We expect to award 10-12 grants for FY18. Please note that faculty/staff are eligible for one travel grant (of any kind) per year. Awards of up to $700 will be available to those presenting SoTL research at disciplinary or other teaching/learning conferences. Special awards of up to $1000 will be available to those presenting at the 2017 International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (ISSoTL) conference.

There are 2 cycles for SoTL Travel Grants. Applications for the fall award cycle are currently being accepted and must be submitted by 5pm on October 2, 2017. Applications for the spring award cycle will open October 9, 2017 and must be submitted by 5pm on February 5, 2018.

SoTL Seed Grants for New SoTL Scholars:
Applications for seed grant funding to get SoTL projects up and running will be accepted starting in early September, 2017. Grant funds will be awarded (in the form of a stipend) for work toward one of the following: writing an IRB or literature review for a SoTL project, gathering/collecting/analyzing data for a SoTL project, or applying SoTL to solve a teaching/learning issue in your classroom. Up to 10 SoTL Seed Grants in the amount of $250 will be awarded to faculty conducting their first SoTL project. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis through May 15, 2018, with awards granted throughout the 2017-18 academic year until funds are exhausted.

SoTL University Research Grants (URGs):
Applications for SoTL URG funding to study the developmental and learning outcomes of ISU students will be accepted during the spring semester of 2018. Projects may be quantitative or qualitative in nature and focus on class, course, program, department, cross-department, and/or co-curricular levels. Every project must involve at least one student as a member of the research team. For 2018-2019, funded projects can focus on the systematic study/reflection of any teaching/learning issue(s) explicitly related ISU students. Reports of previously funded grants (though on a variety of other topics) may be found at http://sotl.illinoisstate.edu/grants/index.shtml.

Grants of up to $5,000 are available. Funds may be used for any appropriate budget category (e.g., printing, commodities, contractual, travel, student help, and salary in FY18). While 4-5 grant awards are expected, all awards are subject to the availability of funds allocated for FY19. URG applications will be accepted starting February 5, 2018 and must be submitted by Monday, April 30, 2018 at 5pm. Please note: URG applications will be accepted during FY 18 for projects in FY 19.

Application Procedure:
THIS YEAR, ALL SOTL GRANT APPLICATIONS WILL BE SUBMITTED THROUGH THE OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND GRADUATE STUDIES. Submission guidelines, including eligibility, application requirements, and review criteria for each funding opportunity can be found at ilstu.infoready4.com. Please contact Jen Friberg (jfribe@ilstu.edu) with questions.