

Assessment Innovation (AI) Mini-Grant Application
Fall 2023: Program Assessment using Brightspace: Investigating Options

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Funding is available for faculty to investigate ways to use Brightspace tools in support and enhancement of program-level assessment activities during the fall/spring semesters, 2023/2024. The faculty agree to partner with the ITS Teaching and Learning Services and ATL Assessment Office throughout the process.

Benefits of participation include:

- ***Enhanced understanding of Brightspace features and tools:*** Opportunity for expanded use beyond program assessment, in course design, pedagogy, future collaboration with faculty, and other areas.
- ***Opportunity to review and update the planned assessment activities:*** Opportunity to engage with other faculty in discussion around continuous improvement efforts.
- ***Extended Program Assessment Report Deadline:*** Participants will receive an extended deadline for submission of their biennial assessment report by Friday, June 7, 2024.

Expectations for participation: *Required preparation and training (est. 7 hours):*

- ***Group Session:*** One in-depth training workshop session to be prepared to create your assessment project within Brightspace and bring you into active dialogue with colleagues across the university (est. tot. 3 hours, F2F).
- ***Individual Program Meeting:*** One individual program assessment and one individual technical planning and support meeting per semester (est. 30 min each semester, tot. 2 hours, modality TBD).
- ***Community Meeting:*** One group meeting each semester to share community updates on projects (est. 60 min, tot 2 hours, modality TBD).
- ***Additional consultation:*** As needed.

Pilot program deliverables:

- ***Program Assessment Report:*** Submission of the biennial report which includes a description of the specific use of Brightspace for the program assessment process (est. TBD, as appropriate for the program and assessment goals).
- ***Reflection:*** Submit a summary of your experiences piloting Brightspace for use in program assessment, template provided; due Friday, May 24, 2024 (est. 30 min).

Funding: Participation in this pilot project is funded at \$500/faculty or \$1,000 per academic program. Faculty teams are encouraged. Upon the submission of final materials at the conclusion of the program (June 2024) funds will be disbursed as part of summer re-contracting or can be used for professional development (as appropriate or preferred by faculty participants).

Applications: Available soon!