KOLT Teaching Innovation Grants (TIG)

Koç University Office of Learning and Teaching (KOLT) is pleased to announce that the call for Spring 2020 KOLT Teaching Innovation Grants (TIG) is now open. The program will award grants to full-time faculty members and instructors for proposals that contribute to the advancement of learning and teaching at Koç University.

**Deadline:** Please submit your proposals to kolt@ku.edu.tr no later than 5 PM on January 16, 2020.

**The priorities of KOLT TIG** for Spring 2020 include the following items:

1. Integration of research-based teaching (i.e. helping students learn how to conduct research by applying knowledge gained in the course to investigate a problem or a topic, etc.) into courses in order to increase the number of undergraduate research projects at Koç University;
2. Testing the implementation of a teaching method other than lecturing (core program courses will be given priority);
3. Development of a presentable/publishable interdisciplinary research project on student learning and teaching;
4. Projects that analyze one of the learning and teaching issues listed as an area of improvement in the Program Review report of a specific department and offer innovative potential solutions.

**Proposal Format:** Applications should contain a 2-3-page narrative that clearly addresses the relevant questions below.

1. What is the main topic/concern of your proposal? What drives you to make this proposal? Does it intend to solve a problem related to your course? Do you collaborate with another faculty member?
2. What is your work plan?
3. What are the expected outcomes of this proposal? Please clearly state this in terms of your teaching practices before and after the proposal. How will you assess them?
4. What impact will your proposal have on the advancement of learning and teaching at KU?

Please provide a detailed CV of the faculty member(s) along with your proposal. Please attach the current syllabus of the course(s) mentioned in your proposal.

**Evaluation and Funding:** Projects that aim to improve learning and teaching in undergraduate and graduate courses at Koç University will be evaluated based the following main criteria: innovation, collaboration, applicability, sustainability, and transferability to other departments/courses. Joint projects within Koç University or with external partners that seek to start interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary courses will be given significant priority in the evaluation.

The funding varies between 5,000 TL and 20,000 TL depending on its impact on learning & teaching, and the number of projects supported. Purchases must be done according to the new purchasing regulations, and expense receipts should be submitted no later than June 5, 2020.

**Post-Award Requirement:** All awardees are required to give a workshop or join KOLT panel discussions to present their projects in the next semester. Awardees will be provided with more details about this requirement.

Please visit our website (https://kolt.ku.edu.tr/?page_id=165&lang=en) to see the list of projects that received the Teaching Innovation Grants in previous years.