

ATS Educational Models and Practices project announces grants program for innovation projects and faculty development

As part of its project on Educational Models and Practices in Theological Education, The Association of Theological Schools (ATS) has issued a request for proposals from member schools for grants of up to \$50,000 to explore innovative approaches to theological education and up to \$15,000 to support faculty development.

Innovation projects grants

As many as 40 grants of up to \$50,000 each will be awarded to pilot new initiatives or to support and advance work that is already underway related to innovative educational models and practices. The grants are not intended to enable schools to duplicate what is already happening elsewhere. Rather, the funding is designed to assist schools in the process of designing, developing, and implementing educational models and practices of theological education that break new ground and have the possibility of producing models and practices that could be effective and of benefit to the participating school and the broader community of schools.

Faculty development grants

As new educational models and practices are developed, faculty are frequently expected to adapt their work, often substantially, to facilitate those models. The Association will make as many as 30 grants of up to \$15,000 each to help schools support their faculty in this work of adaptation. The grants are intended to help schools support their faculty to meet institutional needs growing out of changes in educational programming.



Funds may be requested to support faculty development activities to help faculty adapt to educational changes including, but not limited to, faculty retreats, purchase of materials, funding “release” time, training in formation, training to facilitate teaching via new delivery systems, course development that uses new formats, or revision of curricula to accommodate new educational models or practices.

The application deadline is March 15, 2017, and awards will be announced by April 30, 2017. Grant funds will be disbursed in early August 2017.

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