

St. Lawrence University
CTL Technology for Teaching Grant Proposal
(Continuing faculty members are eligible to submit proposals for these grants.)

Technology for Teaching grants are designed to infuse technology-enhanced pedagogy into the university curriculum. Intended to serve both experts and newcomers to technology, the grants help faculty members explore, develop, and support technology-related teaching strategies and curricula. Examples include, but are not limited to: workshop attendance, course-specific software or hardware, using trained student assistants to enhance technology-oriented teaching, or travel to a technology and teaching conference. Any questions about proposals can be directed to the CTL.

Smaller grant proposals (\$500 or less) will be reviewed on an ongoing basis. Proposals for larger grants (\$501 to \$1500) must be submitted by April 15 for the Fall, and by October 15 for the Spring. All proposals will be reviewed by a committee of faculty and IT staff. Larger grants are limited to one every other year, and requests for travel will be approved only if the applicant's regular pedagogy travel fund has been exhausted.

Grant Criteria:

1. The project represents an innovative use of technology to enhance teaching, or a changing technological need related to past innovations.
2. The project represents a new pedagogical direction for the instructor or the course. We particularly encourage projects that involve students in collaborative research and instructional roles.
3. The project exhibits a demonstrable connection to institutional or departmental curricular goals.
4. A final report summarizing the project must be submitted by the following April 1 for Fall support and September 1 for Spring support.

Name: J. Jockel Department: FYS &FYP Phone: 5808

Project Title: A PAPERLESS FYS AND FYP: EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITIES OF A TABLET PC

Dates of Project: Spring 2004 and fall 2004

Please send this cover sheet and the following information by email as a Word attachment to ctl@stlawu.edu:

- **Project description and specific goals with respect to enhancing teaching**
- **Itemized list of resources and expenditures needed for project**
- **Student support responsibilities (if applicable)**

Total amount requested: \$1500

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CTL Director: _____ **Date:** _____

Total amount approved: _____

Applicant notified: _____

Final report received: _____

J. JOCKEL

CANADIAN STUDIES PROGRAM (More accurately for this project: FYS &FYP)

A PAPERLESS FYS AND FYP: EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITIES OF A TABLET PC

The barrier, as least for me, against paperless courses has been the inability to annotate fully students papers on a computer. This is especially a hindrance in the FYP and FYS where the students submit many papers and drafts of papers. I annotate such works boldly with a fountain pen, crossing out, circling, writing such things as FRAGMENT! AWK, And PLAIN ENGLISH, PLEASE, and drawing lines from one end of a page to another. I simply could not do that on a computer screen and so have stuck to having FYP and FYS students submit their essays on paper.

Tablet personal computers, recently developed, seem to allow me to go to a paperless class, with the students submitting their essays by email and my returning their drafts the same way. Thanks to a stylus, a special screen and new software, it is possible to take typed text and annotate it with handwriting. The entire device is the about size of a traditional laptop.

I would like to try out the paperless approach using a tablet pc starting with my spring 2004 FYS and continuing with my students in the fall 2004 FYP. If funded, I will write a report on my experiences which could be shared with interested colleagues and if those experiences are positive would be prepared to hold a workshop. Let me emphasize, however, that I do not take it as a given that experiment will be a success. First, I have to see if the technology works as well as promised. Second, there remain a number of questions related to how I as an instructor will interact with students, especially to discuss their work with them, if we are not handing pieces of paper back and forth.

My request is for \$1500 which should cover most of the costs of a tablet pc..

You can find information on tablet pc hardware and software here:

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/tabletpc/evaluation/tours/default.asp#>