

**2009 Instructional Media Center (IMC)
Mini Grant – Podcasts for HCC’s iTunes U**

HCC launched its own iTunes University (iTunes U) website over a year ago. To date there are several faculty members posting lectures, but we would like to enhance the iTunes U site by getting faculty to post many more short, topical podcasts that may be shared across disciplines.

This IMC Mini Grant will pay faculty a \$250 stipend for their time to learn and produce 2-4 podcasts for use in an existing course curriculum. We expect the completed podcasts will be useful for HCC instructors within the same discipline and may be useful to instructors outside of HCC. We do not want long recorded lectures, but short 5-10 minute (condensed) topics. The podcasts will be made available on HCC’s iTunes U site at <http://itunes.hccs.edu/>. You must have iTunes installed on your computer to access the site, which you can get free at <http://www.apple.com/itunes/download>.

Upon completion, the participant will upload his/her podcasts to HCC’s iTunes U, and, at the end of the summer, present his/her project on Discipline Day in August (in a “5 minutes of fame” break-out session). A minimum of four audio podcasts OR two enhanced (audio and graphics) podcasts will be expected for this project.

The participants will be the prime movers of their work, learning the skills needed and developing their podcasts. IMC podcasting (PC and Mac) training classes will be available in this spring and instructional technicians and faculty mentors may assist the participants in the college Curriculum Innovation Centers (CICs). IMC staff members will also assist upon request.

Faculty iTunes U Podcast Mini - Grant Application Form:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone numbers: _____

Discipline: _____

Course name(s): _____

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In three short paragraphs describe the following:

What type of podcast(s) do you plan to develop?

How will you be using this podcast(s) in your course curriculum (pedagogical use)?

What are your expected results of the use of this technology?

Please email Don White or Lorah Gough for additional information about this grant.

Application Deadline: February 18, 2009

Faculty Notification: February 28, 2009

Podcast completion date: July 15, 2009 (so payment may be made in August)

Podcast Resources

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/podcast> - A podcast is a series of audio or video digital media files that is distributed over the Internet by syndicated download, through Web feeds, to portable media players and personal computers. Though the same content may also be made available by direct download or streaming, a podcast is distinguished from most other digital media formats by its ability to be syndicated, subscribed to, and downloaded automatically when new content is added.

Podcasts may be developed through a variety of software applications, or they can be recorded onto a digital recorder, edited in Audacity, and transferred to iTunes U. Many CICs have digital recorders available for checkout. The classes presented by IMC staff will cover GarageBand software on the Macs and Audacity on the PCs.

<http://itunes.hccs.edu> - Houston Community College iTunes U website (you must have the free iTunes software on your computer to go to this site). There are several examples posted here that will give you some ideas:

Nakita Wanza (System site, see ARTS 2341) – First year Experience (an audio podcast)

Madeleine Wright (Central college PSYC 2374) – Toxic Triangle (a video podcast)

Carol Schwartz, (Central college) – Ceramist (an enhanced podcast)

Lorah Gough (Instructional Media Center) – The Post-Human (an enhanced podcast)

<http://itunesu.berkeley.edu> - A very complete site, but it predominantly filled with 60-minute class lectures.

<http://podcast.uh.edu/> - The University of Houston podcasting site includes links to: Creating podcasts, listening to podcasts, examples in education, and podcast research.

<http://www.how-to-podcast-tutorial.com/13-basic-podcasting-software.htm>

A step-by-step guide on how to create a podcast using Audacity and Lame software. This site also gives suggestions for creating podcasts from start to finish.

http://www.apple.com/education/itunesu_mobilelearning/itunesu.html - The Apple iTunes U and Mobile Learning website includes links to support topics, guides, and User Discussion forums.

http://wiki.creativecommons.org/Welcome_To_The_Podcasting_Legal_Guide - On the Creative Commons website - information from attorneys about the legal distribution of podcasts.

Don.white@hccs.edu - Contact Don to get an iTunes U account, so you may post your podcasts upon completion.