BCcampus
the Learning Connection

Introduction

BCcampus is a collaboration of post-secondary institutions in BC providing an online central access point to post-secondary distance learning resources and support services for learners, faculty and course developers, staff and administrators. It will facilitate a seamless path from application to graduation for distance learners in BC.

One of the goals of BCcampus is to increase the number of post-secondary online courses and programs available to students in British Columbia. To facilitate this, BCcampus will make available $1.5 million to support BCcampus partner institutions in online program development.

Criteria for Funding

Funding will be made available for those projects that support the principles and vision of BCcampus. These projects may include complete online programs as well as individual courses. The development of learning objects may also be funded, but these must be made available for use by all institutions. Preference will be given to online development proposals that:

- Produce programs which are accessible to all BC students through the single point of contact provided by BCcampus;
- Respond to demonstrated student demand and labour force need;
- Exhibit the characteristics of quality teaching and learning;
- Demonstrate sustainability and cost-effectiveness;
- Include contributions in dollars and/or in-kind from other sources, either internal or external (such as private partnerships);
- Demonstrate collaboration among experienced faculty course/program developers from two or more BCcampus partner institutions;
- Develop courses to help bring programs completely online or make them available by other distance methods;
- Are for courses that are modular in nature where course components may become object-oriented content for reuse and customization; and
- Include clear transfer and articulation mechanisms.

Application Process

Complete the application form and forward electronically to: dporter@bccampus.ca. The form may be used as a cover sheet for more detailed proposals that require more space than provided on the form.

The deadline for submission of proposals is October 31, 2003.

Review and Selection Process

An external committee, to be established by the BCcampus Implementation Steering Committee and the Executive Director of BCcampus, will review and approve proposals.

The Online Program Development Fund will be allocated in a manner that will encourage the participation of all sectors of the public post-secondary system.