The Teaching Innovation Incentive Awards are intended to encourage and support the College’s goal of improving the success of science and mathematics students. The awardees are expected to use the grants to learn, develop, and implement new teaching strategies in their undergraduate courses. Professional support funding may go toward such things as expenses to attend workshops, the purchase of special equipment, or new software, in order to meet the goals of the proposal. The awards may be given in one of two ways:

A. Three hours of re-assigned time (i.e., the equivalent of one 3-credit course release), to be taken during the Fall 2012 or Spring 2013 semester. The award recipient’s department will receive $3000 to hire an adjunct.

OR

B. Up to $3000 in professional support funds for the project. The funds may be used for travel, workshop participation, software, or other items related to the project. The funds must be used between July 1, 2012, and June 30, 2013.

Eligibility: All tenure-track and tenured faculty are eligible to apply for these awards.

Application Procedure:

Step 1: The applicants must discuss their plans with their department chair, and have the endorsement of the chair. (It may not be feasible for a department to support re-assigned time during a given academic year, and when this is the case, type (B) should be indicated on the Teaching Innovation Grant Application form.)

Step 2: The faculty member should submit the following materials:

   a. Teaching Innovation Incentive Award Application form.
   b. A narrative (maximum three pages) including project description, plan for accomplishing work during the award period, and anticipated outcomes. If applying for award type (B), include itemized estimates of budgetary needs.
   c. A curriculum vitae.

Application materials should be submitted in a single folder or envelope to Office of the Dean, College of Science and Mathematics, by 5PM, Friday, December 9th, 2011.
Criteria for Selection:

Review of applications will involve the following considerations:

1. The proposed project’s chances of significant outcomes in improving success of science and mathematics students
2. The potential impact of the project
3. The need for the requested resources in accomplishing the stated goals

Timetable:

- Applications due date: 5PM, Friday, December 9, 2011
- Award winners notified: Monday, January 9, 2011

Post-Award Requirements:

Award recipients are expected to:

- Submit a report by September 12, 2013 detailing the work that was conducted, and outlining plans for future implementation
- Present their findings at a COSM-sponsored colloquium or seminar during the 2013-2014 academic year.
- Acknowledge the College of Science and Mathematics support in any publications resulting from the work.