University of Alaska Southeast

Office of the Provost

UAS Academic Innovation Fund (AIF) – AY 2025

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the UAS Academic Innovation Fund in AY 2025 is to encourage faculty and staff to collaborate across campuses to develop new ideas and initiatives to address UAS needs or challenges. Work must be done as a group, be highly collaborative, and must be done in-person, workshop style, in Sitka or Ketchikan.

PRIORITY AREAS:

- Student recruitment and retention.
- Improving/fixing processes
- Developing new curriculum
- Other innovative ideas are welcome

FUNDING:

Groups of faculty and/or staff may submit proposals for funding up to a maximum of $2,333 for the fiscal year ending 6/30/2025. Proposals will be reviewed by the Provost for alignment with the AY 25 Purpose and Priority Areas listed above. Allowable cost categories include supplies, contractual, and travel. Purchasing and administrative support will be the responsibility of the proposing unit. [Note: Stipends or payroll type costs for UA faculty and staff are *not* allowable.]

ELIGIBILITY:

Proposals may be submitted by a team of UAS faculty and/or staff representing at least 2 campuses. Proposers are expected to consult with their deans/directors about their plans to ensure adequate administrative support for the proposed activities. If other funding is being sought for the project, it should be disclosed in the application.

The University of Alaska Southeast is a student-centered university that provides instruction in liberal arts, professional, and technical fields. On the homelands of the Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian peoples, we serve the coastal environments, cultures, economies, and communities of Alaska through interdisciplinary education, workforce development, and scholarship, research, and creative activity.

INFORMATION SHARING REQUIREMENT:

All funding recipients will be required to provide a summary report before the end of the spring semester, and to share the results of their projects in a substantive manner—e.g. with colleagues at Convocation, at a school-wide meeting, or at a similar professional or public event.

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS:

Project proposals must be made in writing to the Provost and must not exceed 2 pages. Proposals should include:

Proposal Section	Information Requested
Project Summary	Succinct description of the proposed project and a statement of how it meets the purpose/priority areas of the AIF.
Goals & Objectives	Indicate the project goals and objectives and the relative timelines for the project or activity.
Assessment	Describe how the project will be assessed to determine if its goals and objectives have been met.
Budget	Prepare a budget (not to exceed $2,333) clarifying how the funds will be used. Please note the allowable cost categories and note if any other funding is being sought.
Results Reporting and Communication	Provide detailed information about how the results of the project/activity will be shared with others.

Proposals should be submitted by the close of business on 10/15/2025 to uas.provost@alaska.edu.

The Provost will review proposals and decide whether to fund within four weeks.

Funded projects are expected to be completed, and all funds expended, before the end of the fiscal year (6/30/2025).

For further information, contact the Provost's Office at the email address above.