

EDC Grant Midterm Report 2013

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Title of Project: Specialized Service: Faculty Development and Teaching Support for Art and Design Disciplines

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Overview of the project:

(from the grant proposal)

The objective of this study is to solicit best practices from teaching and learning centres serving Canadian art and design disciplines, with the intention of informing the programming of developing units, such as the Faculty & Curriculum Development Centre (FCDC) at OCAD University. This project will begin by identifying and contacting key educational developers who work at art and design universities, such as the Alberta College of Art & Design (ACAD), Nova Scotia College of Art and Design (NASCAD), and Emily Carr University of Art and Design (ECUAD), and inviting them to participate in interviews focusing on strategies and approaches to supporting faculty development and teaching in art and design disciplines. The aim is to generate best practices and approaches to strengthen faculty and teaching support services across participating institutions. Further, the best practices will be made available to inform the work of teaching and learning centres at comprehensive institutions who may also serve niche art and design programs and faculty.

Progress toward stated goals of the project at the midterm point:

- Research Assistant was hired.
- Questionnaire was developed for interviews.
- Research Ethics Board application was prepared and submitted in December 2013. We are currently waiting for approval.
- Researched potential contacts at 4 Art & Design schools across Canada.

Barriers/challenges encountered and plans for problem-solving:

- After researching contacts at the 4 Art & Design schools, we found that few of the schools have a Teaching & Learning Centre. We have extended the search for contacts to additional schools that support an Art & Design program.
- Once we receive ethics approval, we will use the EDC listserv as a resource for finding additional contacts for our interviews.

Conference Presentations and/or publications based on the project, to date or planned

- One planned outcome of the project is the development of a resource guide that will be shared with EDC members.