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MEMORANDUM NO. OVCAA-MTTP 20-059

TO : ALL DEANS, DIRECTORS, AND HEADS OF UNITS
ALL FACULTY MEMBERS

FROM : 
Ma. Theresa T. Payongayong, PhD
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

SUBJECT : Call for Proposals for the Academic Program Improvement (API) Grant 2021

DATE : 22 October 2020

I would like to invite you to submit proposals for funding under the UP System's Academic Program Improvement (API) grant. Based on OVPAA Memorandum No. 2020-116 (attached here), API 2021 funds may be used for the following activities:

1. Planning for extensive PhD faculty development to increase the number of PhDs from 30% to 50% in all UP units vis-à-vis planning of teaching, research, creative work, administrative and public service activities per unit;
2. Development and improvement of curricular programs (focus on content, pedagogy and assessment of GE courses, undergraduate major courses and postgraduate courses);
3. Planning and training to produce research, creative work, and policy grant proposals;
4. Planning and training to produce research, creative work, and policy publications and other new knowledge output;
5. Planning and training to mainstream IT/new technology for enhanced pedagogy;
6. Planning and training to forge linkages with international collaborators, industry and government agencies, e.g., research collaboration strategies, on-the-job trainings (OJTs) of students, externships of faculty;
7. Planning to assure/enhance UP's academic excellence at this juncture through program and institutional academic assessment initiatives – referred to in the contemporary parlance of higher education globally as quality assurance (QA) initiative – and implementation of such academic assessment and development plans.

As a suggestion, you may consider proposing activities related to items 4-6 that aim to intensify initiatives in UP Diliman towards development of open educational resources and improvement of different modes of learning (e.g., remote, blended).

Aside from the OVPAA memo, I highly encourage you to check out Annex A from Memorandum No. OVCAA-ECA 19-423 (attached here as well) containing the specific guidelines for the project proposal and implementation of activities related to each of the aforementioned 7 activities.

The deadline for the submission of proposals is on **23 November 2020**. Kindly use the enclosed OVPAA-API Form 10.3 for the proposal. All proposals should be submitted via email to the API Monitoring Team (apifunds.upd@up.edu.ph) and should be accompanied by a cover letter addressed to the Chancellor through the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

The proposals will undergo review and the results are expected to be submitted to the Chancellor by 14 December 2020. As such, it is anticipated that the earliest start date of the project is January 2021. Each proposed activity/project must be completed, at the latest, by the end of December 2021.

For inquiries, please email the API Monitoring Team (ATTN: Chito and Adel) or our office (ovcaa.upd@up.edu.ph).

Thank you.