

**EXCELLENCE THROUGH COMMITMENT
UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING ENHANCEMENT AWARD**

The Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor is pleased to announce that the *Excellence Through Commitment Undergraduate Teaching Enhancement Award* will be continued during the summer of 2010. These competitive awards provide opportunities for the development of innovative ideas for the undergraduate classroom and the acquisition of new teaching methodologies. A maximum of two months of summer salary may be awarded for proposals approved for funding.

The planning document, *Southern at 150: Building Excellence Through Commitment*, is unequivocal in its emphasis that each student's educational experience be full, effective, and multifaceted. It is recognized that the student experience takes place both inside and outside the classroom. But, it is in the classroom, laboratory, and faculty office that much of what constitutes a formal education occurs. Hence, it follows that the University must make a strong commitment to become a preeminent teaching institution and enhance the learning environment.

- A. Proposals will be limited to the design and further development of instructional strategies that will enrich first year students or focus on retention of students to improve undergraduate instruction in such areas as:
 - 1. Developing Innovative Learning Opportunities
 - 2. Improving/Enhancing Teaching Effectiveness
 - 3. Updating/Improving Course Content

- B. Applicants for the program are encouraged but not required to meet with an instructional designer in Library Affairs to discuss the planning of their project and the type of assistance that may be desired. If a component of the proposal includes the involvement of others, please indicate that the other people involved have been consulted on their availability.