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Jesuit Virtual Learning Academy

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Thread: Professional Subgroup: Individual

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Program Title: Excellence in Teaching Grants

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Program Description: All teachers and counselors are invited to apply for grants to further their professional development over the summer. The applications for the grants are reviewed by a committee of faculty members and administrators. These grants often include stipends for airfare, room and board for extended domestic and international learning experiences. The experiences range from a simple weekend conference to month-long, international language immersion programs.

Rationale: The program intends to offer teachers the opportunity for self-directed professional development in ways that cannot be achieved during the time constraints of the normal school year.

Leadership: The program is directed by the Headmaster, but review and approval of the grants is made by a committee of faculty members and administrators appointed by the Headmaster.

Implementation: The program was implemented by a previous headmaster, Rev. David Ciancimino, SJ in the late 1990s.

Processes and Resources: Faculty apply for the grants by mid-March. They are reviewed by the committee by May.

Finances: The monetary allocation for each grant various from grant to grant. Funding of the grants comes from the professional development budget under the direction of the headmaster.

Rewards: The experience itself.

Time (When/Length): The grants are given for professional development over the summer,. There is no minimum or maximum time limit.

Location (Space): Various

Accountability/Assessment: Headmaster and Dean of Faculty.

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