

Summer Multimedia Development Institute Project Proposal
Summer 2008

To participate in the SMDI program, you need to propose a project that is discrete enough to be completed in a 4-week time period. It should be related to your teaching or research in some way. The following are some suggestions for projects you might want to work on:

- redevelop a course web site that is a significant web resource for a course
- set up a course blog, learn how to use it effectively, and develop appropriate assignments to enable its use
- work with mapping tools to develop course or research materials
- develop multimedia materials such as video, audio, or interactive flash resources, thinking through what materials are appropriate, the best way to organize and present the materials, and possibly learning how to create and find materials on your own
- develop a series of assignments that incorporate technology, such as having students create web sites or videos--this might involve creating appropriate documentation, finding tools that are easy to use, and determining how such an assignment would support your pedagogical goals
- experiment with a technological tool, such as a wiki or GIS or blogging, for a research project

These ideas are scratching the surface of what is possible. Some projects that have been created elsewhere and which might provide inspiration can be found below:

- [Wesleyan's Learning Objects Program](http://learningobjects.wesleyan.edu/projects/index.php) --<http://learningobjects.wesleyan.edu/projects/index.php>
- [HASTAC projects](http://www.hastac.org/projects?sort=alpha) (Humanities, Arts, Sciences, and Technology Advanced Collaboratory)--<http://www.hastac.org/projects?sort=alpha>
- [Institute for Multimedia Literacy](http://iml.usc.edu/?page_id=9) --http://iml.usc.edu/?page_id=9

The best way to think through a project is to discuss some of your ideas with one of the SMDI staff and we can suggest a possible direction.

Not all projects will be accepted in the program. The SMDI staff will select projects based on their feasibility, their innovation, and the availability of resources to produce a successful project.

During the 4-week session, a student or team of students will be assigned to your project and you will meet regularly (at least once a week) with the student(s) to provide feedback. During these meetings, an SMDI staff member will also be present to help you and the student(s) direct the project appropriately. For more information about the program, visit <http://www.brynmawr.edu/etc/smdi2008>.

To apply to the program, please fill out the following information and send the completed form to Laura Blankenship, Guild Hall. You may also email your form to lblankenship@brynmawr.edu.

Name: _____

Department: _____

Course or research project for which this project is being developed:

Session you prefer: ___ June 9-July 3 ___ July 14-August 8 ___ No Preference

Describe below (or on attached sheet) what you believe the project entails and the outcome you expect:

What are your goals for the project? What do you think it will add to your research or how will it improve your classroom environment?

How familiar are you with the technology involved in the project?

Are you interested in learning the technology involved in the project? If so, how proficient would you like to be?

How will the project be maintained or nurtured after the summer is over? What support do you think you need for it to be viable?

Are you interested in participating in either the fall or spring to implement the project?

Any other comments that might help us make a decision about your project?