

First-Year Success Application
2005/06

The First-Year Success Program supports up to 15 UMD instructors in their efforts to design, implement, and assess a new teaching/learning strategy that enhances the academic performance and retention of first-year students. The program is co-sponsored by CTE and College Now. Participating instructors will receive a \$500 stipend, to be paid in Spring 2006, upon completion of all aspects of the program outlined below:

1. participating in the June '05 workshop conducted by a national expert on college success in order to become more familiar with approaches that improve the academic performance and retention of first-year students;
2. developing, implementing, and assessing a new teaching/learning strategy in a Fall 2005 course for first-year students that is aimed at improving student learning (Under some circumstances, it is possible to use a course in Spring 2006.);
3. participating in 2 discussion sessions with other project participants during Fall semester to collaborate on the development of the new teaching strategies;
4. providing a 2 page written assessment of how their course was modified and their assessment of that modification for inclusion in the Spring publication of the *Fresh Ideas* booklet;
5. sharing their teaching ideas with colleagues either through a Spring share session or the June workshop.

If you wish to participate in this year's project, please complete this form and return to Anne Boisvert in the College Now Office 1-006 no later than July 14, 2005.

Participants will be chosen on a first come-first served basis and will be notified of their acceptance by August 1st. For more information about the program, contact either Anne Boisvert (Aboisvert@umassd.edu, x8702) or Andrea Klimt, CTE Director (AKlimt@umassd.edu, x8831).

I am planning to modify the following course:

Course name: _____

Course Number: _____ in _____ (Fall or Spring)

Print Name: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____