

The Project Critical Account Searle Fellows Program

The final project will include a reflective and critical account of the project design and its development *with reference to the relevant literature* (e.g. teaching & student learning in higher education), and the overall objectives and principles of the program. While we encourage diversity/creativity with individual projects, a critical account will normally address the following areas:

- **Project Description:** What is the nature and scope of the project in terms of the relevant course: e.g. student numbers, level of the students, student profile(s), nature of classroom environment, etc.? Do not simply describe course content. (Note: a syllabus or other course materials can be attached as an appendix.)
- **Project Learning Outcomes:** What are the main student learning outcomes (intellectual, practical, personal, and social) of the project? Ideally, these will be framed in terms of some of the concepts of student learning (e.g. deeper vs. surface understanding, critical thinking, problem solving) as they apply to the particular course and discipline.
- **Project Teaching Methods:** What techniques and activities does the project/course employ to help students achieve these learning outcomes? This might include particular small group techniques, specific assignments, particular lecturing approaches, lab techniques, etc.
- **Project Assessment:** What ways (formative and/or summative) of assessing/grading the students' learning outcomes did the project employ? How effective was the project in facilitating student learning outcomes?
- **Project Evaluation:** How was the project/course evaluated? Of the techniques/approaches/ ideas employed in teaching, which were successful/less successful?
- **Reflections:** What lessons have been learned from this project for future courses?

Critical Account Guidelines:

Please include the following in your account:

- Project Title – size 16 font
- Your name – size 14 font (footnote: department and email – size nine font)
- Course title, if applicable – size 12 font
- Keywords (italicized) – size 12 font
- Footer: Left – Last name and abbreviated title (italicized); Right – Page numbers and total length (XX of XX) – size 12 font

Critical Account Formatting:

Critical accounts should be in Palatino Linotype font, size 12, with one inch margins. If font type is not available, please submit in Times New Roman and we will format it for you.

Please note: We can reproduce charts, figures, and pictures using a gray scale on a limited basis (no more than 3 illustrations total). Exceptions can be made, but please discuss with Susanna Calkins first.