

1. **Adding a \$1,500/period cap (except for international travel) to the existing \$2,000/cycle cap**
2. **Adding new grading criterion: “Strength of Budget Plan”**
3. **Revising the scoring system for more equitable grant distribution**

Total Score = [a] + [b] + [the larger value of c & d]

- a. Significance & University/Department/Unit Benefit
- b. Strength of Budget Plan
- c. Scholarly Benefit
- d. Teaching Benefit

4. **Activity reports from grant awardees**

The application cover page will add a text box and an “upload” link, where the applicant explains (with supporting documentation, if applicable) the outcome of the previous period’s/cycle’s activity. If the applicant provides a report there, s/he will be eligible for this new application.