Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
Summer Assessment Grants

Who is eligible?
Current BSU faculty members who are returning to Ball State the following academic year are eligible to apply.

Can faculty members work together on a project?
Yes! Faculty members, working individually or in teams of two or three, are eligible to apply for stipends of up to $500 per faculty member. Funds may not be used for operating expenses.

Can a faculty member be listed on more than one grant in the same summer?
Yes! While a faculty member may be listed on more than one grant, the maximum amount of money a faculty member may receive (for all projects collectively) per summer is $500.

What types of assessment projects typically get funded?
Innovative projects that improve student learning outcomes assessment typically get funded. While projects vary considerably, activities outside the scope of normal, required assessment work will be prioritized. Think outside the box! Examples of projects that have been funded in the past include (1) developing creative assessment tools, (2) disaggregating program assessment data and (3) overhauling assessment methods in the program or unit.

What should be included in the proposal?
Proposals should be short - no more than 2 pages - and should include:

- Name(s) of faculty member(s) who will carry out the project
- Project goals and objectives
- Background and rationale for the project
- Description of project activities and anticipated results
- Funding requested (up to $500.00 per faculty member)
- Support for the project from the unit (e.g., supplies, grad. assistant), if applicable
- Affirmation that the chair/director and college dean endorse the project

What is the application deadline?
The deadline to apply is March 1 each year. Awards will be announced in April. Project work takes place in May and June. A written synopsis of the grant work is due June 30.

Who should I contact if I have questions?
Contact Carole Kacius, Director of Assessment & Accreditation, at cakacius@bsu.edu if you have questions or want to brainstorm about potential projects.