The University of British Columbia

Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund Application for Funding, 2011/2012

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Other TLEF-funded Projects Currently Held by the Principal Applicant: Co-PA applicant for EIESL 2011-12 Project Title:

Learning Outcomes Assessment: Improving Teaching and Learning in International Service Learning

Project Summary (150 words maximum)

As the university seeks to reach the target of 30% of UBC students learning from and participating in an international opportunity, an increased number of students will participate in international service learning (ISL).

UBC's goal is to ensure quality at the same time as reaching aggressive targets. It is critical that we go to scale on international service learning with a clear understanding of how to best support student learning and international community partners. To be more certain of these outcomes, we require opportunity to set a standard for student learning and community engagement. This will allow us to reach our goals to develop and expand quality learning opportunities for students and, inevitably, enhance our institutional reputation internationally within grassroots community organizations.

This project will create systems, capacity, and tools for the purpose of assessing student learning outcomes in ISL, to ultimately enhance this pedagogy in UBC courses. As was a priority for UBC's domestic CSL, growth of the ISL program must be undertaken with our own informed research as well as best practice and evidence from others around the world.