



Beyond the Classroom Experiential Learning Designation Application Guidelines

Faculty and Staff applying for Experiential Learning Designation for a course or program should consider which of the six categories the experience they are offering best fits: Creative Endeavors, International Programs, Research, Internships, Leadership and Service Learning opportunities. Each category has a corresponding Rubric, which are linked on the <https://www.utc.edu/think-achieve/faculty-and-staff-development.php> page.

As students participate and reflect, they gain points towards university awards and recognition while simultaneously acquiring vital experience for life. Students who successfully participate in designated Experiential Learning can earn points toward being a ThinkAchieve Graduate, which includes a designation on their official University Transcript and recognition at UTC's Commencement Ceremony. To see complete awards opportunities for students, please visit: <https://www.utc.edu/think-achieve/beyond/thinkachievegetuate.php>

Faculty and Staff who successfully apply for designation of a course will be designated as Beyond the Classroom Faculty and Staff. The Walker Center for Teaching and Learning's Innovation grants-High Impact Practice and Classroom Mini-Grants-<https://www.utc.edu/walker-center-teaching-learning/faculty-development/high-impact/index.php> are resources for interested faculty and Staff.

Eligibility, Designation Cycle, Selection Criteria and Process

The Faculty/Staff Application to Offer *Beyond the Classroom (BTC)* Course/Experience is open to individuals and small teams of UTC faculty and staff. Collaboration across departments and with community partners is encouraged. All part-time and full-time faculty and staff are eligible to apply.

Designation Applications are due on multiple dates each semester as noted on the www.utc.edu/think/beyond website, and the Experiential Learning Task Force reads applications and tries to respond to the applicants in a timely manner. Applications should be submitted to Think@utc.edu.