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Dear Colleagues

**Fund for Innovation and Research in Learning and Teaching
FIRLT call for proposals 6 November 2020**

Due to the current conditions under the COVID-19 crisis and acknowledging that we are all experiencing increased workload and divided attention, the 2020 May and November rounds for FIRLT will be combined for **one round in November 2020**. Where capacity permits, the CTL advisors and administration will be available for consultation upon request. Academics could therefore continue with developing proposals in preparation for submitting in November. While all the FIRLT [regulations](#) will apply, the following **concession** will be made for the one round of applications closing on 6 November 2020:

- Applicants may submit proposals for funding retrospectively. This would pertain to projects on innovative learning, teaching and assessment methods used during the COVID-19 period, starting March 2020. FIRLT usually does not permit the use of data collected prior to application. However, the committee will consider funding such applications during the November 2020 round.

We would like to encourage all teaching staff to keep journals of their own and also encourage their students to journal their experiences of teaching, learning and assessment during COVID-19. This data may prove valuable for retrospective projects on innovation and research in learning, teaching and assessment.

For information regarding ongoing projects and any other enquiries, please contact the FIRLT administrator, Ms Natasha Alberts at finlo@sun.ac.za or the CTL advisor in your faculty.

We trust that we will all remain safe. The committee wishes to thank you for your commitment to enhancing our students' learning throughout this time. We believe that, in future, we will look back and see that we have broken barriers through innovative teaching and assessment. We may well be in the process of creating a new world that will serve future generations.

Warm regards

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