Innovation projects should be potential foundations for the further development and extension of online learning innovation within or beyond Cornell. They may demonstrate benefits for a particular discipline that could be transferred to other courses. Innovation projects should focus on standard technologies in order to minimize costs and support efforts to scale up. They should include an articulation of what students should know, do, or value at the completion of the project, and plans for assessment of learning. Faculty grant recipients will be provided with opportunities to share their projects by way of forums or workshops.

The innovation project asks faculty to redefine and extend the boundaries of what is currently done in online/distance education. Below are some broad ideas for potential projects:

**Identify novel approaches to online learning that address current challenges and that fundamentally change how we engage students in an online class.**

- Develop innovative pedagogical strategies for an online environment that effectively engage students in the learning process and improve their success. An example might be to re-conceptualize a course to incorporate active engagement and assessment in an online environment, including novel approaches to student-to-student and faculty-to-student interaction and original approaches to assessing student work.

**Explore novel ways of creatively/critically thinking about disciplines, examining diverse perspectives and processes from multiple disciplines, and integrating varying approaches to solving complex problems in an online environment.**

- Plan and build a learning space that approaches a topic of broad public concern from a variety of perspectives and/or disciplines, or that addresses a novel technique, new theory, or state-of-the art debate within a discipline suitable for advanced courses and helpful to those working in the discipline. An example might be to integrate an existing technology or tool with innovative pedagogy that ties together multiple disciplinary approaches in an original way.

**Establish an online experience impacting large groups of people and/or create a collaborative instructional experience.**

- Exchange ideas and shape learning beyond Cornell through the global sharing of instructional strategies and resources. An example might be to identify opportunities, both within the discipline or interdisciplinarily, collaborating with faculty, students and others across the world.