**Payden Teaching Excellence Grant Application**

The Payden Teaching Excellence Awards are designed to recognize and support teaching excellence within the College of Media, Communication and Information. Funded by the Payden Endowment, which was established by CU-Boulder Journalism alumnus William Payden to recognize the talents and contributions of teachers, these funds will be used to support requests that encourage collaborative and innovative teaching and further faculty teaching development within CMCI. Special consideration will be given to proposals that focus on interdisciplinary teaching and learning.

Grant proposals may request funds to support faculty in launching interdisciplinary courses, developing new courses or significantly re-designing courses to support new pedagogy or enhanced student engagement, as well as to purchase resources such as software, equipment or faculty training that assists faculty as they pursue new approaches to teaching (see below for one training opportunity). Funds may be requested to support faculty course-release during fall or spring or as summer development salary. Refer to application materials for typically funds available for summer support and appropriate for requested course release.

Tenured, tenure-track and rostered instructor faculty members are eligible to apply. Faculty should typically submit only one Payden grant application per year, although faculty involved in collaborative proposals may submit more than one. Although faculty may apply for awards in consecutive years, preference will be given to faculty who did not receive an award in the prior year.

**Please complete all portions of this application and submit to the CMCI Dean’s Office (****cmcideansoffice@colorado.edu****) by the March 14, 2025.**

**Section I: Application for Payden Teaching Excellence Grant**

**Faculty Member Name(s) and Department(s):**

**I. Nature and scope of the project.** What does the project entail, and how will it be carried out? If the project involves development of a new course, indicate the role of the course in curriculum. If it involves redesign of an existing course, explain how redesign aligns with department needs and best practices in your discipline.

**II. Impact of project on student learning and on faculty teaching development**

**III. Faculty Qualifications.** Describe how the faculty involved in the project are qualified to undertake this project.

**IV. Timeline for Completion of Work**

**V. Proposed Budget.** Budget may include summer support or funds for course release during academic year to co-teach a course; typical budget for course release is $5,304.50. Maximum summer support is $6,500 total and amount requested should be based on work undertaken; if more than one faculty member is involved, indicate how this amount would be split among faculty. Course revision proposals are typically funded up to $3,250 for summer support. Additionally, budget may include equipment or materials needed for the work.

Budget should specify how funds will be used and provide estimate of costs for any materials or equipment as well as explanation of time entailed for work undertaken for summer salary requests.

**VI. Email of support.** **If the proposal includes a request for course release or entails the creation of a new course or revision of a current course,** **a brief email of support must be provided by the Department Chair (or Chairs) of faculty applicants.** \*Please indicate below who has been asked to supply email of support. Mark n/a if not applicable: