NISOD Excellence Award Program

Overview
This award is designed to recognize the excellent work of OSUIT faculty, staff and administrators as they strive toward continuous growth and improvement of products and services at OSUIT. Faculty, staff and administrators are encouraged to submit projects they have implemented during the last year for consideration in one of three categories:

1. **Collegiate Project (team)**—a project submitted by a team working together toward institutional goals. (A team approach to solving a problem, a research study, a service project, etc.)
2. **Innovative practices (individual participant)**—a project that introduces new ways of doing something. (New approaches to improve processes in a department, new teaching practices, implementation of a new technology, etc.)
3. **Service to OSUIT and/or the community (individual participant)**—a project that provides a service to either internal or external constituents. (A community service project, service learning project, service to fellow employees, etc.)

Guidelines for submission
- Project must have been implemented within the last 12 months.
- One application per category will be selected to receive the NISOD Excellence Award and the applicants will represent OSUIT at the NISOD annual conference in Austin, Texas.
- All applications must be submitted to the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning on or before the due date.
- All submitted projects will be published in the Annual Anthology of Excellence at OSUIT.
- Application materials will be blind reviewed by a committee using a scoring rubric.
- The decision of the review committee will be final.

Entries will be judged using a rubric for the following criteria:
- Does the submission capture the reader’s attention?
- Are the details of the project clearly explained?
- Does the submission show clear connection of the project to the OSUIT Institutional Strategic Plan?
- How well does the project support the institutional strategic plan?
- Is the challenge addressed relevant to others in higher education settings?
- Does the project contribute a unique solution?
- Does the submission clearly show a positive impact on relevant stakeholders?
Instructions for Completing the Project Outline

Your application will be under blind review by the committee. Please do not include your name or other identifying information on the project outline page. For each category, write out your answers in paragraph form to these questions:

1. **Introduction and Rationale for the Project**
   - Describe the project.
   - What challenge or issue is the project designed to address?
   - Why is the project important?

2. **Project Connection to OSUIT Institutional Strategic Plan**
   - Which Institutional Strategic Plan item number(s) is/are represented in the project?
   - How does this project help promote the Institutional Strategic Plan?

3. **Details of the Project**
   - How was the project implemented?
   - Where was the project implemented?
   - When was the project implemented?
   - What additional details (research, outcomes, etc.) are relevant?

4. **The Impact**
   - Who are the stakeholders affected by this project?
   - How are the stakeholders affected?
   - Can the idea be easily implemented by others at OSUIT or in another higher education setting?