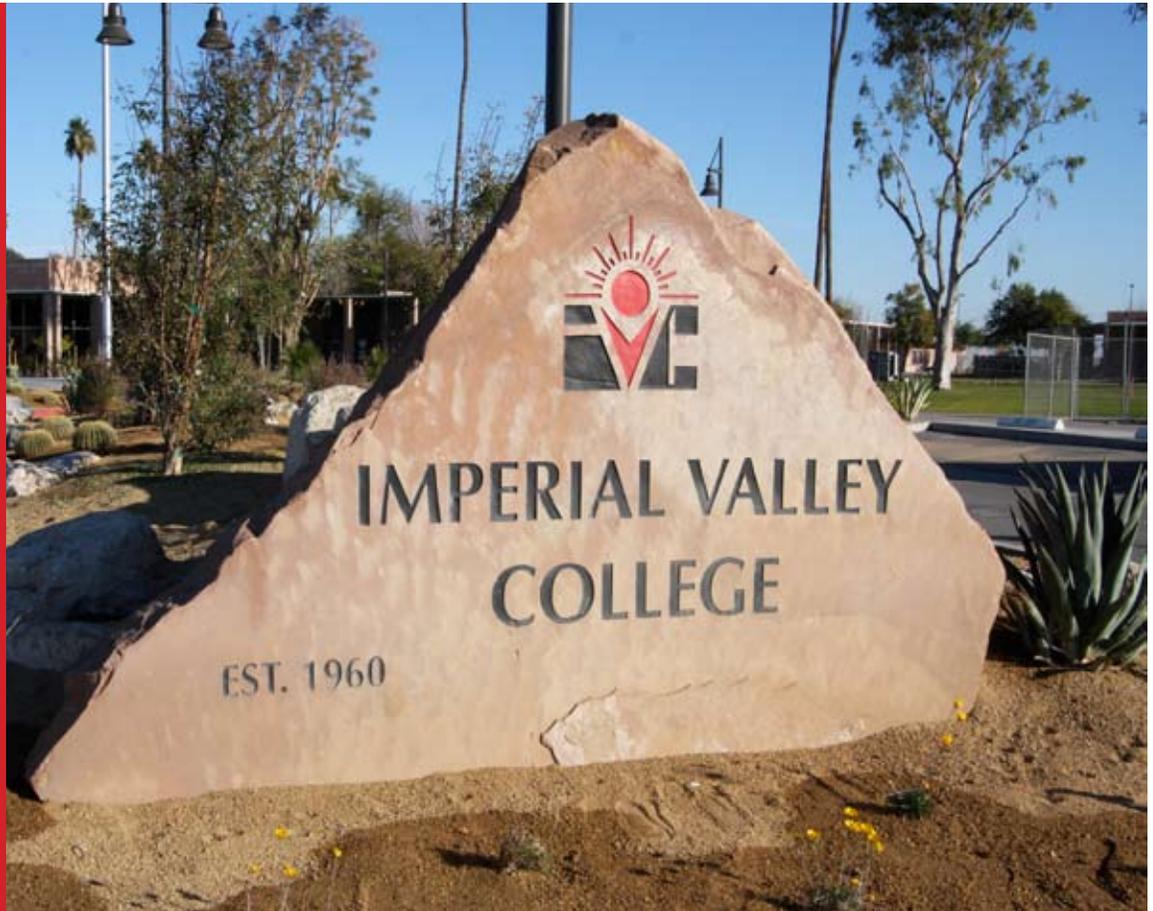


ATLAS PROJECT

February 8-9, 2011



Train-the-Trainers Conference February 8-9, 2011

The Atlas Project is accepting applications for the Train-the-Trainers conference, which will be held on February 8-9, 2011, at Imperial Valley College.

This conference is designed to provide faculty leaders a chance to work together and develop a full-fledged training program for the college.

Participants will not only expand their own knowledge of technology and teaching, but will be able to share that knowledge with their colleagues.

Attendees will receive a stipend for attending the conference and for teaching at

subsequent conferences. Other benefits are spelled out on page 3.

The training will focus on four specific areas:

1. How to best serve the learning styles of Hispanic students (culturally-responsive teaching)
2. How to use paired classes to coordinate and enhance student learning in both basic skills and CTE classes
3. How to use social learning and social media to reach more students and utilize their learning styles to improve their learning success
4. How to use technology in the classroom in more ways and with more sophistication.

If you are interested in applying for the Atlas "Train-the-Trainers" Conference, [please fill out the application.](#)

For more information about ATLAS, contact [Michael Heumann](#) (760-355-6553) or visit <http://www.imperial.edu/atlas>.

What is the Atlas Project?

The Atlas Project is a \$3 million Title V grant awarded to Imperial Valley College in October 2011.

ATLAS stands for Access to Technology Leads to Advancement and Success. Among the goals for the grant is the development of a comprehensive faculty training program that will focus on innovative approaches to teaching.

The grant has three main goals:

- **Goal #1:** Increase student success by developing a comprehensive and college-wide effort to provide appropriate pedagogy and technical skills, to provide more access to computers in labs, to add server storage space and email accounts for students, and to extend the wireless network to all areas of the college

- **Goal #2:** Provide excellence in education to help faculty develop new and richer courses by pairing basic skills with career and technical courses, by training faculty in the use of social learning and collaborative learning, by providing training in culturally-relevant instruction, by offering training on the use of technology in the classroom, and by encouraging students to develop and use their technological skills.

- **Goal #3:** Develop resources to increase the college's effectiveness by improving the technology infrastructure and by training faculty, administrators, counselors, and staff to make the most effective use of this infrastructure.



Who is eligible?

Any faculty member with a desire to learn more about technology and pedagogy and to share that knowledge with your colleagues

How many can attend?

There is a limit of fifteen (15) participants in this inaugural conference.

How can I apply?

Please visit <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8285DB9> and fill out the brief application today. The deadline for applications is November 30 at 5 PM.

Among the many highlights of this grant:

- Improving Banner efficiency and expanding access to reports in Banner
- Campus-wide wireless (coming 2011)
- Wireless at the extended campus (coming by Spring 2011)
- Student email accounts and expanded access to software for students
- Student debit card system
- Smart podiums for high-use classrooms
- Charging stations and student printing stations

- Pedagogy training for faculty (see info on page 1)
- Campus-wide "Futures forums" to increase awareness of cutting edge technology
- Etudes course management system training
- Banner/Argos training
- Computer technician training

The goal of a Title V grant is to transform a campus and a community by providing the resources needed for innovation. We believe Atlas will accomplish this and more!



Not sure you want to be a trainer?

Aside from the financial rewards, there is the added reward of working closely with colleagues from across campus.

What does "Train the Trainers" mean?

The goal of the first ATLAS conference will be to train the people who will do the training in the subsequent five years of the grant.

The conference is two days long. The first day will be devoted to outlining the four main goals of the ATLAS training program: culturally-responsive teaching, collaborative learning, social media, and enhanced technology training. During this section, attendees will select one of the four areas to be their specialization.

The second day of the conference will feature a workshop on developing and implementing successful faculty-centered training. During this day, attendees will learn how to develop lesson plans and lead trainings on their chosen specialization.

During Spring 2011, attendees will work with mentors to develop training modules to be taught during the Fall 2011 ATLAS Training Conference and beyond.

At the end of Spring 2011, all attendees and trainers will get together to present their lesson plans.

Atlas "Train-the-Trainers" Conference

Key Facts

Benefits:

1. Stipend of \$250/day for attending the conference and agreeing to become an Atlas Trainer (and subsequent stipends for developing and teaching at future conferences)
2. Excellent professional development training
3. Ability to work as a paid trainer for future Atlas training conferences
4. Potential rewards for innovation and leadership (trips to conferences, technology, stipends)

Requirements:

1. Complete application
2. Attend the February 8-9 camp
3. Develop your training module (lesson plans and materials)
4. Meet with mentors throughout Spring as you develop your lessons
5. Present your module at an end of Spring event
6. Teach your module at a future Atlas Conference

