The CSUN ScholarWorks Learning Objects collection was established to preserve and distribute original electronic learning objects and teaching tools within the CSUN academic community and beyond. To encourage contributions to the collection, ScholarWorks launched its first Digital Learning Objects Grants program in Spring 2011. The program was undertaken to:

- promote the growth of online learning at CSUN
- maximize pedagogical resources and expertise across campus
- enable faculty to benefit from one another’s experience
- make available for students a variety of learning modalities

The next iteration of the program will begin in January 2012 and will focus on materials for frequently-taught courses with high enrollments. The goal is the creation of learning objects that can be put to immediate use and assessed by the faculty in the course of their implementation.

Project Qualifications
The proposal period will begin in January 2012; proposals will be reviewed by a cross-campus committee and will need to meet specific criteria to qualify for funding.

The CSUN ScholarWorks DLOG program understands a digital learning object as a pedagogically-rich resource that can be used and reused to support learning. To be considered for funding, the proposed learning object must:

- be created to achieve an explicitly stated learning objective
- serve a learning objective that is commonly required of all students taking the course (across sections and iterations)
- include a lesson, an activity, and an assessment (understanding that the latter two elements may be combined—see “What are Digital Learning Objects?” for more information)
- include a rubric for gauging success
- be made public for reuse and deposited in ScholarWorks

Preference will be given to proposed learning objects for inclusion in a course that services 100 or more students per year.

Project Selection and Funding
Proposals should be submitted to the Digital Learning Objects Grant 2012 Selection Committee, care of Elizabeth Altman (see instructions on Project Proposal form). The Selection Committee members for 2012 are:

- Marianne Afifi (Associate Dean, Oviatt Library)
• Elizabeth Altman (ScholarWorks Project Manager, Oviatt Library)
• Beverley Cabello (Associate Dean, Michael D. Eisner College of Education)
• Herman L. DeBose (Chair, Department of Sociology, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences)
• Hillary Kaplowitz (Instructional Designer, Faculty Technology Center)
• Lynn Lampert (Lynn Lampert, Chair, Reference & Instructional Services, Oviatt Library)
• Andrew Weiss (Digital Services Librarian, Oviatt Library)

Proposals will be reviewed by the Selection Committee and selected for funding based on the following criteria:

- the number of students the object will likely serve
- the uniqueness of the object
- the time and/or resources creation of the object is likely to require

Selected projects will be awarded funds within the range of $500-$2000. Proposal review will begin February 6, 2012; recipients will be informed of their awards beginning in March.