

The University Academic Assessment Committee and the Office of the Provost are proud to announce the recipients of the **2025 Excellence in Assessment Grants**. After a competitive review process, four outstanding projects were selected for funding based on their innovation, direct support of student learning outcomes, alignment with institutional priorities, and potential for broad impact across Lamar University.

The 2025 Excellence in Assessment Grant recipients are:

- **Dr. Anwarul Islam Sifat** (Electrical and Computer Engineering) for *“Development of Data-Driven Student Assessment Dashboards for Institution-Wide Dynamic Assessment”*
- **Dr. Md Rakibul Islam** (Computer Science) for *“AutoGrader: Automated Grading and Feedback System”*
- **Dr. Kirstie Boyett** (Criminal Justice) for *“Utilizing Virtual Reality Intervention to Improve Student Learning and Retention”*
- **Dr. Diane Clark** (Deaf Studies/Deaf Education) for *“Effective Program Evaluation of the MS in Deaf Education Program”*

The **Excellence in Assessment Grant** program provides faculty members with financial support to develop or enhance assessment initiatives that improve student learning outcomes, promote innovative assessment methods, and contribute to Lamar University’s strategic commitment to continuous improvement and evidence-based decision-making.

This inaugural grant cycle drew 14 outstanding proposals from across the university, reflecting a strong commitment by faculty to advancing assessment practices, fostering innovation, and enhancing student learning. The committee was impressed by the creativity, strategic focus, and dedication shown in all submissions.

We are excited to see the outcomes of these projects and how they bolster Lamar University's assessment culture. Congratulations to our grant recipients!