

University of Texas at San Antonio

Recipients of Teaching Innovation Grant Announced



UTSA Libraries and the Academy of Distinguished Teaching Scholars are happy to announce the winners of the [2016 Sawtelle Financial Teaching Innovation Grant](#): **Matthias Hofferberth**, assistant professor of political science and geography, and **Pranav Bhounsule**, assistant professor of mechanical engineering.

Dr. Bhounsule's project, *Tackling high failure rate in Engineering Dynamics through a games-based pedagogy*, hopes to increase the students' engagement and subsequently their success in EGR 2513 Dynamics by creating conceptual games and introducing them as active learning in-class exercises.

Dr. Hofferberth will be working toward a transformation of the *International Organizations in World Politics* class by connecting it to the 2016 Alamo Model United Nations Conference. Students will study theoretical concepts in class and incrementally learn the rules of Model UN before participating in the UTSA student conference at the end of the semester.

Now in its second year, the grant program recognizes faculty who are developing or implementing innovative approaches to undergraduate teaching. The grant funds help faculty develop and implement their projects. The two \$3,000 grants are funded through a generous contribution from the Sawtelle Financial Group.

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