

Exploring Educational Technology: Students Helping Faculty

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Introduction

Educational technology options are seemingly limitless

Instructors may not utilize them because they are not aware of them, or they do not know how to use them

In an effort to increase the adoption of educational technology in the College of Agriculture and Human Ecology, the Ed Tech Info Request was developed

Ed Tech Info Request

Instructors within the College of Agriculture and Human Ecology can request information on specific educational technologies they wish to utilize.

They may also submit a desirable outcome from utilizing an educational technology and an appropriate tool will be selected.

#TechTipTuesday

Once a request is received, Agricultural Education preservice teachers and I explore the educational technology and develop a one page brief

The brief contains a description, applications, step-by-step instructions for use, and useful links

The briefs are shared across TTU Teach Ag social media outlets each Tuesday (#TechTipTuesday)

Results to Date

The project has received positive reviews from faculty members and secondary teachers

The briefs have garnered national attention from the companies whose tools have been highlighted (Plickers, GradeCam, Recap)

Implications

Although the project was developed to assist instructors, preservice students also benefit

Potentially increasing their self-efficacy for incorporating technology in the learning environment

Future Plans

We intend to continue the project, expanding to allow secondary teachers to request one-page briefs

Develop an e-book annually from the one-page briefs developed throughout the year

Thank You

Example E-Book:

https://docs.google.com/a/ttuteachag.org/presentation/d/16miqWcm2NyLWdY_b64gkSWYRS6jhUie4gxA6-UpW_iU/edit?usp=sharing

Questions?