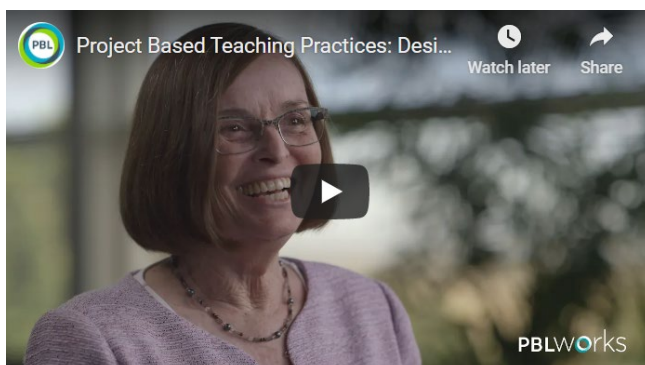# Project-Based Learning Application: Innovate

Project-based learning creates an environment that fosters creative thinking and collaboration. It teaches students to use the tools at their disposal to find innovative solutions to problems that are always changing. To make PBL a reality, educators must employ their own innovative, out-of-the-box approaches to planning and teaching. For some guidance on PBL design, read this overview of the Project Foundry Gold Standard Design Elements which are the foundation of project-based learning.

Now that you have an overview of the design elements, read through the Gold Standard Seven Essential Teaching Practices that provide instructional guidance for delivering project-based learning.

Then, watch the following videos to see how to get started planning your project:

Now comes the fun part! You are ready to begin brainstorming and developing your project plan. Let's start by designing the main focus of your project. First, consider your curriculum, and choose an idea that you have for a PBL experience that you would like to develop.

Here are some resources full of ideas to get you thinking:

- 20 of the Best Project Based Learning Ideas for 2020
- High Tech High Student Project
- 50 Smart Ideas For Project-Based Learning
- 10 Virtual PBL Project Ideas

Download this free Project Template that you can use to organize your project plan!