

SCHOLARSHIP OF TEACHING AND LEARNING SCHOLAR-MENTORS CALL FOR APPLICATIONS – for FY16



Overview

For the 2015-2016 academic year support for the scholarship of teaching and learning on our campus will come from a part-time, Interim Cross Chair in SoTL and up to two Illinois State University **SoTL Scholar-Mentors** per semester. As a SoTL Scholar-Mentor, you will have reassigned time to the Office of the Cross Chair in SoTL to work on a SoTL project of your own and, primarily, to engage in tasks that support the SoTL work of your ISU colleagues and beyond.

Eligibility

All tenured or tenure-track Illinois State University faculty members with experience in the scholarship of teaching and learning are eligible. You may apply for reassignment of one course for fall 2015 and/or spring 2016 semesters. Home departments/schools will receive a 25 percent buyout of your faculty salary per semester serving as a Scholar-Mentor.

Benefits

Scholar-Mentors will receive the course reassignment and \$3,000 in operating funds. It is required that part of these funds will fund a trip to a SoTL conference. The remaining funds may be used for other SoTL travel or costs of a SoTL research project.

Responsibilities

SoTL Scholar-Mentors will work with the Cross Chair in SoTL. You will work on your own SoTL project and, primarily, take responsibility for certain SoTL support services depending on your expertise and interest. Some of the opportunities for a SoTL Scholar-Mentor include the following (specific duties will be negotiated):

- Continue work on a database and synthesis project of past and current SoTL work at ISU.
- Find new and updated information and resources for the SoTL website and work with our web support person and ISU ReD staff at Milner ISU data repository) to update the web site.
- Head or serve on the editorial team for *Gausis*, our internal SoTL multi-media publication.
- Plan and conduct SoTL workshops and/or SoTL writing and research circles as well as offer some SoTL programming and support specifically for graduate students.
- Serve as managers/editors of, and contributors to, *The SoTL Advocate* blog and @ISU_SoTL twitter account.
- Work with Deans, Directors, Chairs, faculty, and the Offices of Admissions and Marketing to promote conducting SoTL and the use of SoTL results in their units; devise ways to share SoTL results and their practical implications for students with our undergraduate and graduate students.
- Create collaborations with nearby institutions of higher education as well as internally with other units.

Application Process and Timeline

Send a letter of application including a summary of your experience and/or expertise with SoTL as well as your skills and interests in the tasks above, and a copy of your CV to Kathleen McKinney at kmckinne@ilstu.edu by March 29, 2015. Be sure to indicate whether you are applying for fall and/or spring semester. Review of applications will occur immediately after the deadline and Scholars (and their Chairs/Directors) will be notified by mid-April.