

## SCHOLARSHIP OF TEACHING AND LEARNING SCHOLAR-MENTORS CALL FOR APPLICATIONS – for Fall semester of FY17



### **Overview**

There are two main goals of the SoTL Scholar-Mentor program. The first goal is to nurture faculty members who are interested in SoTL-- but who also have SoTL experience-- in terms of furthering their own SoTL work, strengthening their experience as SoTL mentors and faculty developers, and connecting them to the SoTL field beyond campus. The second goal is to provide additional and valuable 'personnel' to the Office of the Cross Chair in SoTL so that we can achieve our goals of SoTL support, research, and advocacy. As a SoTL Scholar-Mentor, you will work on a SoTL project of your own and, primarily, engage in tasks through the Office of the Cross Chair in SoTL that support the SoTL work of your ISU colleagues and beyond.

### **Eligibility and Benefits**

All tenured or tenure-track Illinois State University faculty members with experience in the scholarship of teaching and learning are eligible. If selected, the Scholar-Mentor, in consultation with your disciplinary Chair/Director will **choose one of the following options for the fall 2016 semester:**

1. \$5,000 to the dept/school for a one semester, one course release to be reassigned to the Office of the Cross Chair and \$3,000 in SoTL research and travel funds to the Scholar-Mentor. 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. OR
2. Fall additional pay of \$4,000 (\$1,000 per semester Aug-Nov) and \$3,000 in SoTL research and travel funds to the Scholar-Mentor. 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):

- 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 *Gauisus*, 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, FB account, and @ISU\_SoTL twitter account.
- Create collaborations with nearby institutions of higher education as well as internally with other units at ISU.
- Promote even greater involvement in SoTL nationally and internationally by members of the ISU community.

### **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](mailto:kmckinne@ilstu.edu) and Jennifer Friberg ([jfribe@ilstu.edu](mailto:jfribe@ilstu.edu)) by May 7, 2016. Review of applications will occur immediately after the deadline and Scholars (and their Chairs/Directors) will be notified by mid-May.