The Center for Faculty Excellence is pleased to announce an exciting schedule of August and September workshops, ranging from how to effectively use recorded lectures in your classroom, active learning, to joining a writing group. The annual 5-week Grant Writing Boot Camp starts on September 21. Read on for details!

Mark Tuesday, October 11 on your calendar for our first Technology Fair! Stay tuned for further details.

Questions about these workshops should be directed to Julia Tietz, Admin Associate in the Center, at Julia.tietz@montana.edu or 406-994-4371.

**Best Practices for Engaging Students with Recorded Lectures Using Camtasia Relay**

**Thursday, August 25, Jabs Hall 207.** 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM. (Light dessert and drinks provided.)

**Presenter:** Ken Silvestri, Instructional Designer, Center for Faculty Excellence

Recording lectures and posting them to the Brightspace/D2L learning environment can add variety to online learning, reinforce instructor presence in online courses, and create time for active learning pedagogies in face-to-face courses. This workshop will cover best practices to follow to make recorded lectures an effective teaching tool for engaging students, while demonstrating how to use the Camtasia Relay lecture capturing tool supported by MSU.

Prior to participating in the workshop, feel free to acquire a free license for Camtasia Relay by contacting Brad Haderlie (haderlie@montana.edu; 406.994.6726) from ITC, download a copy, and bring your laptop computer to follow along.

[RSVP here](#) or just drop by!

**iClickers Training workshop**

**Thursday September 1, ABB 138.** 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM. (Light snacks and drinks provided.)

**Presenter:** Chris Bahn, Chemistry and Biochemistry Dept.

Classroom voting with clickers is a powerful way to create a highly interactive lesson and to engage students in discussions. Learn how to use the MSU supported in-class polling system.
RSVP here or just drop by!

**Finding Grant Funding: Navigating the funding world**
*September 7, Wilson Room 1131. 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM—dessert and drinks will be provided.*
**Presenter:** Nika Stoop, Grant Training Coordinator, Center for Faculty Excellence
Join our workshop on how to find funding opportunities that fit your research program. This session will focus on techniques that go beyond searching on funding websites.

RSVP here or just drop by!

**Active Learning: Rethinking Your Teaching to Promote Deeper Learning**
*Wednesday, September 14 SUB 235. 11:45 to 1:00 PM. (Lunch served at 11:45 AM. Program begins at noon).*
**Presenter:** Ken Silvestri, Instructional Designer, Center for Faculty Excellence
Active learning can provide engaging learning experiences for your students that lead them to deeper learning and towards developing higher-order thinking skills within an enriching collaborative learning environment. In this workshop, you will actively learn about active learning pedagogies, including proven strategies and research-based, best practices for creating an active learning classroom in both face-to-face and online courses.

RSVP here by September 12 at noon

**Grant Writing Boot Camp: From Idea to Proposal**
*Wednesdays, September 21, 28, October 5, 12, 19. 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. ABB 138. (Coffee and snacks provided).*
**Facilitator:** Nika Stoop, Grant Training Coordinator, Center for Faculty Excellence
This 5-week workshop is designed to help novice grant writers understand the requirements of a grant opportunity, collect and create the many parts of a proposal, organize and write about their project, and submit a grant proposal at MSU. Participation is limited to 16 people so apply for your spot TODAY (or at least by Sept 5th)! Preference will be given to faculty who already have a grant opportunity in mind, can attend ALL sessions, and women in STEM/SBS.

Learn more about this workshop and apply here

**Improve Your Path to Success by Joining a Writing Group.**
*Monday, September 26, SUB 233. 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. (Light snacks provided.)*
**Presenter:** Marilyn Lockhart, Director of the Center for Faculty Excellence
The Center for Faculty Excellence created writing groups using a research based model beginning Spring 2013 and they have been extremely successful! We will conduct an information session on
Monday September 26 on the model we have used and begin putting people into groups. By attending the information session, you are not committed to joining a group, but you will be considered as being seriously interested.

Participating in a writing group means committing to writing at least 15 to 30 minutes a day, keeping a log of your writing, and meeting weekly with the group to share your results. The group will be expected to provide substantive input – this is not an editing group.

Before the session, you will be expected to view a 55 minute presentation made by Tara Gray from New Mexico State University to MSU faculty at

https://camtasia.msu.montana.edu/Relay/Files/tGray/TGrayProlificSchol.html

Click here for handout that corresponds with this recording.

Background: Research has shown that daily writing, recording keeping, and accountability increases faculty productivity by a factor of nine or ten based upon the number of pages written or revised per year!

RSVP here or drop by!

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