

Kick off your Fall Semester with CFE workshops!

Join the Center for Faculty Excellence as we start up the academic year with a variety of workshops – from teaching with technology to charting a course with learning outcomes to grant writing bootcamp!

Charting a Course with Learning Outcomes to Enhance Student Learning and Success

Wednesday, September 6th, SUB 235 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm Light snacks and drinks provided.

Facilitated by Ken Silvestri, CFE Instructional Designer

Learning outcomes can be a vital tool when planning instruction and measuring progress towards learning for both the instructor and student. In this workshop, you will learn about “intentional” or “backwards” course design using effective learning outcomes that can:

- move students to deeper learning and higher-order thinking
- guide the process of identifying, creating, and aligning assessment strategies
- encourage students to monitor their progress towards achieving the course learning outcomes with formative assessment and other strategies

Please bring a Syllabus from a course that you teach to create or revise existing learning outcomes based on what you learn from the workshop. You will work with a partner to offer and receive suggestions and feedback on each other’s learning outcomes.

Completing this workshop will earn 1 credit towards annual membership in the Center and earn 1 credit towards the Certificate of Teaching Enhancement.

[Click here to register](#)

iClickers Training Workshop

Thursday September 7, SUB 236. 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. Participants earn 1 hour credit for Certificate of Teaching Enhancement and 1 hour for Center membership.

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

Finding Grant Funding

Friday, September 8 Innovative Learning Studio – Renne Library 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Light snacks and drinks provided.

Facilitated by Nika Stoop, Grant Training Coordinator, CFE

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.

Completing this workshop will earn 1 credit towards annual membership in the Center

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Teaching with Technology Fair

Tuesday, September 12, 2017 11, SUB 233/235 2:00 pm– 5:00 pm Light snacks and drinks provided.

Facilitated by Ken Silvestri, CFE Instructional Designer

The Center for Faculty Excellence (CFE) is pleased to announce the second Teaching with Technology Fair for faculty. Drop by the Fair any time between 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm to learn about exciting new technologies and to fully utilize existing educational technologies. Some of these technologies are supported by MSU (meaning you can call someone for help); others are not, requiring the user to self-support using these technologies if an issue occurs for them or their students. Those of you that are willing to be brave and independent users can use this opportunity to learn from individuals who are teaching with these educational technologies.

Come see how Mitch Vaterlaus (3 pm - 4 pm), Assistant Professor from Health and Human Development, independently uses **VoiceThread** to create content and generate engaging student-to-student interaction around it or how Robyn Gotz, Instructor from Earth Sciences, independently uses **SoftChalk** to produce engaging, interactive learning with the content in her online Earth Science course.

Also featured are free web-based visual learning apps for collaboration, interactive posters, infographics, word clouds, digital storytelling, and more.

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Questions about this event should be directed to kenneth.silvestri@montana.edu or call 406-994-7835.

Improve Your Path to Success by Joining a Writing Group

Wednesday, September 13, 2017 SUB 233. 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm 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 Wednesday September 13 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. Participants earn 1 hour credit for Center membership.

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!

CFE Grant-Writing Bootcamp

Fridays, September 15, 22, 29, October 6, 13, 9:30 am -12:00 pm

From Idea to Proposal: Go through the grant-writing process from beginning to end while working on your own grant proposal. With feedback from peers and experts, 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, connect with MSU resources, and submit a grant proposal at MSU. By the end of this interactive bootcamp, you should have a project summary, biosketch and introduction as well as the tools and connections to successfully submit a grant proposal to multiple agencies, including foundations. Come join us!

Participation is limited to **16 people** so apply for your spot **TODAY** (or at least by Sept 8th)! Preference will be given to faculty who already **have a grant opportunity in mind** and can attend **ALL sessions**. For more information [click here](#)

[Submit your application here](#)

You will receive a confirmation that we have received your application. We will then let participants know that they have been accepted by Sept 11th.

Completing each session will earn 2.5 credits towards annual membership in the Center

More than Just a Plagiarism Tool: Using Turn-It-In's Grademark

Wednesday, September 27, 2017 SUB 235 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Facilitator: Ryan Miller, TurnItIn Customer Success Consultant, and Michelle Miley, Director of the MSU Writing Center and Assistant Professor, English

Most people think of TurnItIn primarily as a way to monitor and check for plagiarism, yet TurnItIn also includes a GradeMark tool for delivering feedback efficiently and effectively. Giving students timely, frequent, and personalized feedback is a key part of their learning, but can be time-consuming for the instructor when it comes to grading papers. While giving students feedback in time to act upon it before the next assignment is important, the type of feedback provided can be equally important in guiding their learning. Ryan Miller from TurnItIn will be at the workshop to demonstrate and answer questions about the GradeMark tool and Michelle Miley from the Writing Center will be there to offer best practices for the type of feedback to provide students.

Completing this workshop will earn 1 credit towards annual membership in the Center and earn 1 credit towards the Certificate of Teaching Enhancement. [RSVP](#) here

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

Information about the Certificate of Teaching Enhancement:

<http://www.montana.edu/facultyexcellence/TLResources/CertificateofTeachingEnhancement.html>

and Center Membership:

<http://www.montana.edu/facultyexcellence/documents/CFE.%20membership%20program%20F16.pdf>

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