Description
The purpose of the program is to provide a mentor for new MSU tenure track faculty members that are starting their first academic job after graduate school and who are interested in having a mentor in the area of teaching. The program is voluntary. New faculty will be paired with same sex faculty outside of their department.

Objectives of Mentoring Relationship
1. Provide ideas and serve as a sounding board on teaching issues.
2. Introduce new faculty to the culture of MSU and provide help with the transition to life at MSU (helping find a balance between work and personal life)
3. Provide general support and encouragement.

Timeline and Time Commitment
The Teaching & Learning Committee will make pair new and experienced faculty in late September/early October. The matches will be expected to meet one-on-one two times during Fall Semester and three additional times in Spring Semester. Other meetings are at the discretion of the mentors and new faculty. The Teaching & Learning Committee will have one scheduled lunch for the matches each semester.

Questions about the program can be directed to Tracy Dougher, Associate Professor in Plant Sciences and Plant Pathology and chair of the Teaching & Learning Committee’s Faculty Mentoring program, at 994-6772, tracyaod@montana.edu.
If you would like to participate in the New Faculty Mentoring Program for the 2011-2012 academic year; please fill out the following information and send it to Tracy Dougher, Chair of the Teaching and Learning Committee’s Faculty Mentoring Program, Department of Plant Sciences and Plant Pathology, 314 Leon Johnson Hall by September 9, 2011.

The New Faculty Mentoring Program was started at MSU during the 2005-06 academic year and was very successful. It is strictly a volunteer program. Selection to the program is based upon availability of mentors and the Committee members’ judgment of “best potential match.” New faculty members not selected to participate in the program will be invited to attend Teaching and Learning luncheons scheduled during the 2011-12 academic school year.

All information contained in this document will be shared only with the Teaching & Learning Committee to aid in the selection process and to assist with communication.

Contact Information (please print)

Name: ___________________________ Email: ______________________________
Dept: __________________________ Dept. address: __________________________
Dept. phone: ____________________ Home phone: __________________________
Home address: ________________________________
Best time we can reach you: ______________________________
Male_____ Female_____

General Information

Highest degree earned and from what institution: _____________________________
Have you taught previously at a higher education institute? Yes____ No____ If yes, at what institution did you teach, for how long, and what course(s) have you taught?
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Potential Course Size: (circle all that apply) 10-30 30-70 >70

Goals and interests for participating in the mentoring program: _____________________________
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Special interests or hobbies: _________________________________________________
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Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________