The UW System Office of Academic and Student Affairs and the Office of Professional and Instructional Development (OPID) are pleased to announce the call for nominations for the Wisconsin Teaching Fellows and Scholars (WTF&S) Program for 2016-2017, currently directed by Cyndi Kernahan (UW-River Falls) and David Voelker (UW-Green Bay).

Program Description

The WTF&S program is OPID’s signature professional development program. While the program’s roots lead back to the early 1980s, by 2000 it began focusing intentionally on promoting the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL), following the lead of the Carnegie Scholars Carnegie Academy for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (CASTL) program. In 2005 the program won the TIAA-CREF Hesburgh Certificate of Excellence. An in-depth study of the program in 2012–13 found that 96% of former participants reported that the program had a positive impact and one-fifth of the group reported a “transformational positive impact.” The perceived benefits of the program included not only improvements in teaching and learning but also enhanced opportunities for scholarship, collaboration, and leadership. (Voelker & Martin, 2013).*

The WTF&S program offers UW faculty and teaching academic staff a unique opportunity to collaborate with other exceptional teachers from across the UW System and from various disciplines. Many participants have found that the experience reenergized their work and even transformed their approach to teaching and learning. Collaboration with colleagues from diverse perspectives lies at the heart of the program. In addition to discussing illuminating works from pedagogical literature, Fellows and Scholars are guided through the process of completing a Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) project with input from fellow participants and the program co-directors. OPID encourages applications from eligible faculty and staff that are open to new ideas and learning from others.

Wisconsin Teaching Fellows and Scholars Program Requirements

- Attendance at four OPID-sponsored events throughout the year is required:
  - Faculty College, May 24-27, 2016 at UW-Richland, Richland Center, WI
  - Wisconsin Teaching Fellows & Scholars Summer Institute, June 13-17, 2016, Madison, WI
  - Wisconsin Teaching Fellows & Scholars Winter Seminar, Jan 9-10, 2017, Madison, WI
  - Final Spring Meeting and Public Presentation – OPID Spring Conference, April 12-14, 2017, Location TBA

- Completion of a SoTL project with dissemination of results in a professional forum
- Consultation and recording of SoTL project’s progress throughout the program year
Wisconsin Teaching Fellows Selection Criteria

- Outstanding early-career, untenured faculty with at least one year (preferably two) of teaching experience or academic instructional staff teaching in an academic program with at least 2 years of teaching experience at your institution (must be currently teaching)
- Evidence of excellent teaching and a dedication to continuous improvement
- Knowledge of student learning assessment and interest in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL)
- Interest in sharing teaching and learning innovations
- Interest in collaborating with faculty from various disciplines

Wisconsin Teaching Scholars Selection Criteria

- Outstanding tenured faculty and/or experienced academic instructional staff teaching in an academic program with at least 5 years of experience at your institution
- Evidence of excellent teaching and a dedication to continuous improvement
- Knowledge of student learning assessment and interest in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL)
- Experience in sharing teaching and learning innovations
- Interest in collaborating with faculty from various disciplines
- Interest in informal and/or formal campus leadership on issues of teaching and learning

Application Process

*Each UW Institution has its own application process. Please contact your Provost's office for application forms and campus deadlines.* For additional information on your campus application process, please contact your OPID Administrative Representative. OPID Representative contact information can be found at [https://www.wisconsin.edu/opid/opid-council/](https://www.wisconsin.edu/opid/opid-council/).

The UW System/OPID deadline for receiving campus selections is **November 13, 2015**. For additional assistance, please contact Brandon Clementi at [bclimenti@uwsa.edu](mailto:bclimenti@uwsa.edu) or (608) 890-3282. Components of this program are subject to the budget of the office of Academic and Student Affairs at UW System Administration. Forecasted dates are subject to minor changes.