Attend: U of Illinois Faculty Summer Institute

The annual Faculty Summer Institute (FSI) will be held May 13-15, 2013 on the campus of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. This year’s theme is "Learning Matters," and the tracks are:

- Engaging Learners
- Effective Practices
- Emerging Trends

For more information, visit [http://www.conferences.illinois.edu/facultysummerinstitute](http://www.conferences.illinois.edu/facultysummerinstitute).

NEIU faculty members who have not previously attended FSI are eligible to apply for funding to attend the conference. The CTL will cover travel, lodging, and per diem costs for a limited number of faculty.

Faculty who are awarded funding will be expected to attend all days of the conference and to present a "teach back" workshop or presentation based on the techniques or tools experienced at the conference.

Apply for funding at [http://goo.gl/axWTF](http://goo.gl/axWTF) until the deadline of April 1, 2013.

Funding decisions will occur in mid-April, so please spread the word about this opportunity!

Register: Summer 2013 Online Teaching I Course

Registration for the Summer 2013 Online Teaching I course is now open, at [http://www.eventbrite.com/event/5647485782](http://www.eventbrite.com/event/5647485782).

- The course is offered completely online between May 19 and June 15, 2013.
- Faculty members who attend the course should plan to spend approximately 5 hours per week on course-related activities.
- The Online Teaching I course is "hands on": participants will learn and practice online-course techniques.
- The 30 seats in this online training course for faculty will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Online Teaching I course is a 40-hour non-credit training course designed to provide faculty with the basic tools, techniques, and theories needed to be able to create and conduct online courses. On completion of this 4-week online course, faculty members are certified by the NEIU Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL). Course topics include:

- building learning communities,
- distance-education models,
- online learning theory and learner profiles,
- interactivity and collaboration,
- online instructional design,
- media selection,
- online facilitation, assessment, and evaluation,
- asynchronous and synchronous tools,
- online-course syllabus development, and
- effective course-management techniques.

Please direct inquiries to the Center for Teaching & Learning (CTL) at x4467.
Nominate: Summer 2013 Online Teaching II Course

The Center for Teaching and Learning will offer Online Teaching II for the Summer 2013 semester.

The goal of the Online Teaching II course is for participating faculty members to design a new online course for their program. Upon acceptance, the course must be taught by the participating faculty member within 18 months.

The hybrid Online Teaching II course runs for four weeks, starting the week of July 7 and ending by August 3. Each week, participants meet once face-to-face, followed by a fully online session. A final one-day showcase is also required at the end of the Summer term.

EXPECTATIONS

Important: Please ensure that you can commit to the expectations below:

Faculty members selected for the course will:

- commit to attending five intensive two-hour workshop-based sessions: once a week for four weeks, plus the final showcase session;
- commit to taking an active part in four online-learning units, one per week for four weeks;
- collect ahead of time all course materials from the course that will be turned into an online course (e.g., syllabus, lecture notes, assignments, quizzes, exams);
- complete at least three hours of development work per week outside of the in-person and online class sessions.
- commit to teaching the developed material as a fully-online course within three semesters of the completion of the Online Teaching II course;
- become part of a community of online faculty who act as reciprocal mentors for each other.

BENEFITS

By the end of the Online Teaching II course, participants who complete the entire course will:

- have a completed online course shell with the essential elements for teaching online.
- create at least two units' worth of complete content for the course.
- apply best practices in 1) communication, 2) use of copyrighted content, and 3) designing effective online content.
- Be paid up to 3 CUs after the end of the Summer 2013 pay period.

HOW TO APPLY

Faculty members who have completed the Online Teaching I course are eligible to be nominated.

Contact your department Chair to express interest in being nominated to participate. Only department Chairs can formally nominate faculty members to participate (Chairs have been sent the details of the nomination process separately).

The deadline for Chairs to nominate their faculty members is April 15, 2013, so please communicate with your chair before that deadline.

NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominations for the 15 available slots will be reviewed by the Provost and Deans who will assign this course to participants across the three Colleges. Selected participants and their department Chairs will be notified during the week of April 22, 2013.