CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: STEM Teaching Fellows

The Paul C. Reinert, S.J. Center for Transformative Teaching and Learning is currently accepting applications for up to three STEM Teaching Fellows for the 2019-2020 academic year. This fellowship opportunity enhances the Reinert Center’s ability to support STEM faculty at SLU and provides formal educational development experience for faculty members.

SLU faculty members with a full-time appointment in a STEM discipline are eligible to apply. Fellows will help to advance evidence-based teaching in STEM courses by designing and leading workshops, conducting one-on-one consultations, and contributing to the Reinert Center's digital resources, among other things. Fellows will receive a stipend of $2,000 (disbursed at $1000 per semester) and a professional development fund of $200.

Applications are due at 5 p.m. on Friday, March 29, 2019. Electronic versions of all required forms may be found here: http://bit.ly/stemfellowcall

Fellowship Details

Purpose
The primary purpose of the STEM Teaching Fellowship is to enhance Reinert Center offerings, resources, and support for SLU faculty teaching in STEM disciplines. Additionally, the experience of serving as a STEM Teaching Fellow will provide SLU faculty with formal experience in educational development.

Eligibility
SLU faculty members from any STEM discipline who will have a full-time teaching appointment for the 2019-2020 academic year, and who will have completed a minimum of two years of teaching at SLU by the beginning of the Fellowship period, are eligible to apply. Note: Adjunct faculty members whose chairs and deans confirm their eligibility (through the Statement of Support) may apply.

Fellowship Period
Fellowships will occur in fall 2019 and spring 2020.

Fellowship Expectations
During the fellowship year, STEM Teaching Fellows will:

- Attend an orientation to ensure their work is consistent with Reinert Center core values, ethos, and policies and practices
- Develop and lead two workshops (one per semester) aimed at STEM faculty and graduate students
- Attend two Advisory Board meetings (one per semester) to report on their work and to understand their contributions in the broader context of the Reinert Center's role on campus
- Hold one office hour per week in the Reinert Center to consult with other STEM faculty
- Agree to serve as a resource on STEM teaching as the need arises
- Write at least two blog posts (one per semester) for the Reinert Center blog (The Notebook)
- Complete other work focused on STEM teaching, including some combination of organizing/hosting a faculty community of practice or book group; developing web-based resources for the Reinert Center's website; and/or completing other projects developed in collaboration with Center staff
- Prepare short reflections on their experience at mid-semester and end-of-semester

Benefits to Faculty
Benefits of serving as a STEM Teaching Fellow in the Reinert Center include:

- Opportunity to enhance pedagogical support for STEM educators at SLU
- Experience working in a formal educational development capacity
• Being recognized as an expert on evidence-based STEM teaching practices
• Opportunity to enhance the STEM education teaching community at SLU
• Recognition as a Reinert Center STEM Teaching Fellow
• A stipend of $2,000 and $200 in professional development funds to support development efforts and time commitment

Application Process

Application Materials
Applicants must submit a complete Application Form and a complete Statement of Support signed by the applicant’s department chair. All forms can be found at http://bit.ly/stemfellowcall.

Selection Process
Applications will be reviewed by Reinert Center staff. In making selections, we will aim for broad disciplinary diversity among STEM fields and be looking for applicants who:

• Demonstrate an ability and well-suitedness to work one-on-one with faculty on teaching
• Indicate an openness to continuing development
• Clearly enhance current Reinert Center offerings/resources

Submission Process
Electronic versions of all forms may be found here: http://bit.ly/stemfellowcall. Completed applications, including the Statement of Support Form, must be submitted to Mary Cook at mary.cook@slu.edu or in person (inside the Quiet Study Area, 2nd floor, Pius Library) no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, March 29, 2019. Questions may be directed to Dr. Gina Merys (gina.merys@slu.edu).