

ANNOUNCING
2017 SEED Teaching Institute
(Strengthening Educational Excellence through Diversity)
An Innovative UWT Faculty Development Program

April 16, 2017

Dear Faculty Colleagues,

Given the increasingly diverse UWT student body, our faculty members must be responsive to their diverse learning and local, global, and community needs. To assist faculty in expanding their expertise in this area, we are announcing the 2017 SEED Teaching Institute and inviting you to participate!

SEED is an **innovative faculty development program** open to all full-time UWT faculty to help build and deliver university courses that utilize best practices for an inclusive classroom. Through this work, we strive to ensure that we fulfill the mission and values of UWT, particularly excellence, diversity, and community.

SEED begins with a 4-day summer Teaching Institute, June 12, 13*, 15, 16. Faculty members will come together to rethink and redesign courses and program offerings. We will address equity, accessibility, collaboration, discrimination, and student success, particularly with historically marginalized communities (e.g, first generation college students, multilingual students, and underrepresented racial/ethnic groups). Redesign includes the use of

- Research-based best practices for inclusive teaching and learning in higher education
- Student learning data
- Shared stories and teaching experience
- Multi-media resources
- Faculty-to-faculty consultation/mentoring

The SEED Teaching Institute will be followed by a one day showcase meeting on September 13, 2017, as well as two informal networking sessions throughout the academic year to encourage faculty consultation and mentoring. The institute will accept 12-15 faculty members. A per person stipend of \$1250 will be offered to faculty members who participate in the full SEED program.

To participate in this innovative faculty program, **apply by May 1, 2017** by writing a 1-page proposal that includes:

1. why you are interested in participating in SEED
2. what course(s) you plan to redesign,
3. how your work will benefit UWT students.

Questions and application should be sent to Nita McKinley, Interim SEED Coordinator, nmmckin@uw.edu.

Sincerely,

SEED Steering Committee

Julia Aguirre, Linda Ishem, Nita McKinley, Ariana Ochoa Camacho, Sushil Oswald

*June 14 is UWT Graduation. We will not meet, but on-line work expected.