LIFE Grants Deadline
The deadline for LIFE Grants has been extended to October 16, 2023. This is a great opportunity for instructors to receive funding for their teaching and learning projects. The project must include at least one of the following elements: sustainability, inclusivity, accessibility, and digital pedagogy. For more information and to apply, visit the CTE website.

Training for Fall Teaching Assistants
CTE will be offering training for Fall Teaching Assistants on September 15 and 16. The training will cover a range of topics including classroom management, feedback, and evaluation. Assistants will also have the opportunity to network with their peers and learn about resources available to them. For more information, visit the CTE website.

New Resources
The CTE website has been updated with new resources for instructors. These include a module on accessibility in teaching, a new resource on teaching with a focus on community engagement, and a guide on using Course Templates. These resources are available through LEARN for TAs sessions.

Staff Changes
The CTE team has welcomed several new members. Brianna Bennett has joined as CTE’s Assistant to the Director, while Andrea Atkins has been appointed as the Teaching and Learning Champion in CEE. Richard Li has joined as the CTE Faculty Liaison for Engineering. These new hires will be instrumental in supporting instructors and students across campus.

Accessibility in Teaching
In response to feedback from instructors, CTE has introduced a new resource on accessibility in teaching. This resource focuses on creating inclusive learning environments that cater to the diverse needs and abilities of all students. It includes practical strategies and resources for making learning accessible to all students, regardless of their individual learning needs.

Carey Discovernet Science Teaching Fair
A new event, the Carey Discovernet Science Teaching Fair, took place in June. This event was named in honour of Carey Bissonnette, a beloved instructor in the Department of Chemistry who passed away in 2019. The fair included sessions on sustainability, extended reality, and artificial intelligence. The event will be replicated in October.

Instructional Innovations Week
Instructional Innovations Week is a week-long event that celebrates teaching and learning innovations on campus. This year’s theme is Sustainability, Extended Reality, and Artificial Intelligence. The event will include workshops, seminars, and networking opportunities for instructors and students to explore new teaching and learning strategies.

Student Course Perceptions (SCP) Survey
We invite instructors across campus to engage with the new SCP resources and SCP questions available through the SCP Office. These resources will help instructors improve teaching effectiveness proactively. We have conversations about SCP and the holistic teaching assessment processes.

Inclusivity, Accessibility, and Digital Pedagogy
A new theme in the Digital Pedagogy Institute will focus on these areas. The theme will run from October 16 to 20, replacing Educational Technologies Week. The focus will be on sustainability, extended reality, and artificial intelligence.

Assistant Training: Information for Instructors and Coordinators
For an overview of TA training available through CTE, visit the CTE website. The training is available to all instructors and coordinators and includes workshops and events designed to support the development of effective instruction.

Sustainability, Renewability, and Inclusivity
Inclusivity, Accessibility, and Digital Pedagogy are key themes in the Digital Pedagogy Institute. These themes will be explored through a range of events and workshops throughout the year. The aim is to foster deep approaches to teaching and assessing student learning at the individual, departmental, Faculty, or institutional levels.

LITE Grants Deadline
The LITE Grants deadline is October 16, 2023. These grants support teaching and learning initiatives that focus on sustainability, inclusivity, accessibility, and digital pedagogy. For more information, visit the CTE website.

CTE’s programming includes workshops and events such as the Teaching Assessment Processes (TAP) Office, which CTE coordinated for several years, the Instructional Innovations Week, and the Fundamentals of University Teaching Program. CTE staff can facilitate workshops as part of your department, Faculty, or institutional programming. CTE’s programming is designed to support the development of effective instruction and the delivery of high-quality learning experiences for students.