

CTE

Centre for Teaching Excellence
at the University of Waterloo

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newsletter

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Sharing news, views, and upcoming events on teaching and learning at Waterloo



LITE Full Grants Announced

The Office of the Associate Vice President, Academic and the Centre for Teaching Excellence are pleased to announce the recipients of this term's [Learning Innovation and Teaching Enhancement \(LITE\) Full Grants](#):

- Ada Hurst, Chris Rennick, Carol Hulls, Sanjeev Bedi, and Samar Mohamed for [Assessing Student Problem-Solving Skills: A Comprehensive Study of Engineering Design Days](#).
- Edith Law and Sangho Suh for [Promoting Meaningful Learning in Computer Science Courses by Leveraging Concrete Fading](#).
- David Janzen for [Student Podcasting as Project-Based Learning in Science Communication](#).



Educational Technologies Week

CTE's fourth annual [Educational Technologies Week](#) will take place from **March 18 to 22**. The lineup includes workshops on using virtual reality technologies for learning, making video tutorials with Camtasia, Gamification, Piazza, SharpScholar, and more. The keynote will be delivered by Ian Pirie, Emeritus Professor of Design and a Principal Fellow of the Higher Education Academy United Kingdom. Ian will focus on an emerging area of practice known as [Student-Led, Individually-Created Courses \(SLICCs\)](#), and how technology can support its goals.



Winter 2019 Workshops

In addition to the workshops of [Educational Technologies Week](#) (March 18-22), CTE's winter term workshops include the [Instructional Skills Workshop](#) (February 20-22) and [Documenting Your Teaching for Tenure and Promotion](#) (March 26). Workshops designed for Graduate Students include [Giving Quality Feedback](#) (February 11), [Effective Lesson Plans](#) (March 7), and [Classroom Delivery Skills](#) (March 13). Sessions of the [Program Outcomes Assessment Learning Community](#) are also scheduled (February 14). The [complete roster](#) of our winter term workshops is available on our website.



For New Faculty

These CTE workshops will be of special interest to new faculty members.

- [Instructional Skills Workshop](#) (February 20- 22)
- [Documenting Teaching for Tenure and Promotion](#) (March 26).

Contact [Monica Vesely](#) for more information.



Teaching Awards

The deadline for [The Amit and Meena Chakma Award for Exceptional Teaching by a Student](#) is just a few days away: **February 8!**

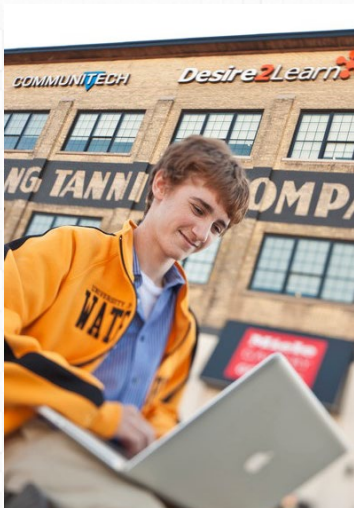
The awards are open to all students who have a formal teaching role at the University of Waterloo. Four awards of \$1000 are given annually in recognition of excellence in teaching of all kinds by registered students (e.g., teaching assistant, laboratory demonstrator, sessional lecturer).

Contact [Verna Keller](#) for more information.



The sixth annual conference of the [Digital Pedagogy Institute](#) will be held at the University of Waterloo on July 31 and August 1, 2019. The conference will focus on the innovative use of digital technologies to enhance and transform undergraduate and graduate teaching and learning. Poster and presentation proposals (of 5, 20, or 60 minutes in length) are invited.

The [deadline for proposals](#) is **March 31, 2019**.



ePortfolios in Higher Education

The Canadian Journal for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning has recently published a special issue devoted to the implementation of ePortfolios in different learning contexts and for varied purposes.

Articles include [Beliefs or Intentionality? Instructor Approaches to ePortfolio Pedagogy](#), authored by CTE staff members Kyle Scholz, Katherine Lithgow, and Crystal Tse (the latter of whom is now the Academic Skills Specialist at the Academic Center for Excellence, University of Illinois at Chicago!).



New Registration System

Since January 1, CTE has been using a new training and development registration system called GoSignMeUp. The new system has many advantages over the old system, both for individuals registering for workshops and for CTE's workshop administrators. To use the system, you'll need to create an account (one time only). We've [developed instructions](#) to assist you in creating an account and registering for workshops.



Since January 1, **888 people have registered** for courses using our new registration system (GoSignMeUp).

From January 1 to December 31, 2018, the CTE website was visited **1.3 million times**.

Our most popular online resource in 2018 was our Teaching Tip called [Exam Questions: Types, Characteristics, and Suggestions](#).

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CTE's website

The Centre for Teaching Excellence acknowledges that we are located on the traditional territory of the Attawandaron (Neutral), Anishinaabeg and Haudenosaunee peoples. The University of Waterloo is situated on the Haldimand Tract, the land promised to the Six Nations that includes ten kilometers on each side of the Grand River.

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