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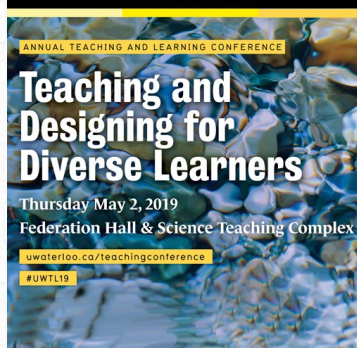
January 2019

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



LITE Seed Grants: Deadline February 1

Interested in applying for a [LITE Seed Grant](#)? This round's deadline for applying is **February 1**. We're excited to announce that the amount of **funding has increased** from \$5000 to \$7500. Along with the increase in funding comes a new requirement: applicants must meet with [Kyle Scholz](#) or [Kristin Brown](#) prior to **January 25**. At this meeting, we will discuss your project proposal and research plan, and suggest ways to enhance the quality and clarity of the application.



Call for Proposals: Teaching & Learning Conference

The deadline for proposals for the 2019 University of Waterloo Teaching and Learning conference is **January 23**. Our 2019 conference theme is "Teaching and Designing for Diverse Learners." We invite you to submit proposals for presentations, panel discussions, workshops, and posters that share your practices and research related to inclusive education. To learn more, visit the [Teaching and Learning Conference website](#).

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 offered during [Educational Technologies Week](#), CTE is also offering workshops in the winter term such as [LEARN for TAs](#), [Course Design Foundations](#), and [Documenting Your Teaching for Tenure and Promotion](#). The [Instructional Skills Workshop](#) -- a 24-hour program offered over three or four days -- will also be offered, as well as sessions of the [Program Outcomes Assessment Learning Community](#). Workshops designed for Graduate Students include [Classroom Delivery Skills](#), [Effective Lesson Plans](#), [Motivating Students](#), and more. 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.

- [New Faculty Teaching Day](#). January 25.
- [Course Design Foundations](#). February 5.
- [Instructional Skills Workshop \(ISW\)](#). February 20, 21, 22.
- [Documenting Teaching for Tenure and Promotion](#). March 26.

New Registration System

As of January 1, CTE is using a new training and development registration system called GoSignMeUp. The new system has many advantages over the old system, both for individuals signing up for workshops and for CTE's workshop administrators. As one example, workshop participants can now unregister themselves (previously they had to contact CTE and a staff member had to do it manually). To use the registration 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.

Teaching Squares

CTE will be coordinating Teaching Squares in the Winter term. Teaching Squares are ideal for instructors interested in broadening their teaching techniques and styles by taking part in reciprocal classroom visits with other instructors. The focus is on the positive take-aways gained from observing other instructors in action rather than on evaluating your peers. The total time commitment per term is about 6 hours. If interested, for this or any other term, please email [Monica Vesely](#).

Open Education Fellows

eCampus Ontario offers an Open Education (OE) Fellows program that provides six instructors with the opportunity to explore applied possibilities for Open Educational Resources to improve teaching practice and build learner-centred, open pedagogic models for others to refine or adopt. Instructors who are interested in applying for the OE Fellows program can find [more information here](#). The deadline for applications is **January 28**.

Teaching Awards

The deadlines for several teaching award nominations are approaching. Internal teaching awards include:

- [The Distinguished Teacher Awards](#) (Deadline: February 1)
- [The Chakma Award for Exceptional Teaching by a Student](#) (Deadline: February 8)

Contact [Verna Keller](#) regarding information about internal teaching award nominations.

External teaching awards include:

- [The D2L Innovation Award in Teaching and Learning](#) (Deadline: January 20)
- [The Alan Blizzard Award](#) (Deadline: February 15)

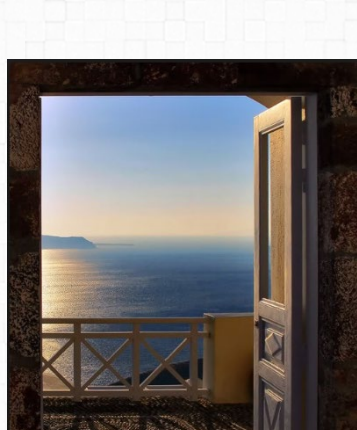
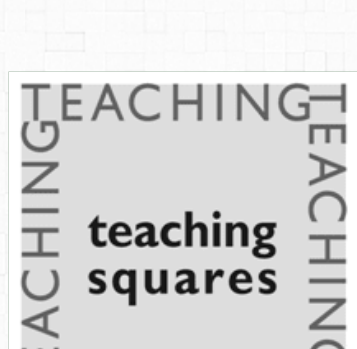
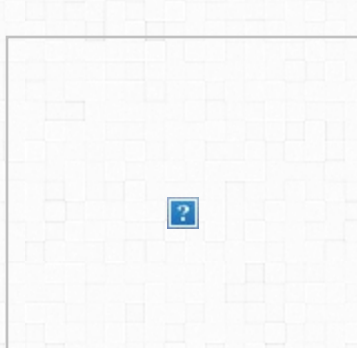
CTE can provide support for external teaching award nominations. Contact [Alisa Sivak](#) for more information.

New TAWFs and GIDs

With the new term CTE has some new [graduate student staff members](#). Shefaza Esmail and Rebecca Anderson will be starting as Teaching Assistant Workshop Facilitators. Faith-Anne Wagler will be starting as a Graduate Instructional Developer. Caelan Wang (not pictured here) will also be returning as a Graduate Instructional Developer

In the Fall 2018 term...

....CTE's two co-op students spent a total 65 hours setting up 53 graduate student and faculty workshops. (Thanks Nav and Sadia!)



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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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