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It's New Year's resolution month!

With 2013 quickly coming to an end, it's time to reflect on our experiences over the past year and plan for the year ahead. This month, we will focus on some tips for potential teaching resolutions for 2014. What are some avenues to explore for professional development? How about finding new ways to connect with colleagues around campus and share your experiences? What have other instructors learned this year? Stay tuned to our blog for all the details!

Get your application in for a Desire2Learn Innovation Award

Do you take an innovative approach to your teaching, whether it’s through your course design, assessment methods or use of technologies? Then apply for a 2014 Desire2Learn Innovation Award in Teaching and Learning.

The awards, sponsored by the Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (STLHE) and Desire2Learn, celebrate and recognize innovative approaches that promote learning in new ways at post-secondary institutions.

Awards are open to all instructors currently teaching

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We want to hear from you!

Do you want to present a teaching roundtable? Have an idea for a workshop topic? Or have some thoughts on how we could improve our services or offer different programs? The Office of the Associate Vice-President (Teaching and Learning) wants to hear from you! Contact us at oavptl@carleton.ca or at ext. 2344.
at a post-secondary institution, regardless of discipline, level or term of appointment. Candidates do not need to be members of STLHE to apply.

Winners will receive $2,200 toward travel and registration costs for Desire2Learn’s FUSION conference, as well as the annual STLHE conference, a two-year membership to STLHE and a framed certificate. As many as five awards are presented annually.

The deadline for applications is Sunday, February 2, 2014. For more information and the application form, please click here.

EDC staff is here to help you develop a successful application package. Please contact us at edc@carleton.ca or 613-520-4433 to set up a consultation.

Take advantage of the EDC’s certificate programs this winter

The EDC provides a number of avenues for you to develop as an educator. This winter, there are three great options for faculty, instructors and PhD candidates to take advantage of.

**Certificate in Blended and Online Teaching**
In this brand new program, faculty and instructors will develop a plan for designing an online course, create an online module for an upcoming course, learn to engage and motivate students in online learning environments and evaluate available educational technologies in relation to learning outcomes. This program will run Mondays from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. beginning January 20 and ending April 7.*

**Certificate in University Teaching**
Facilitated by 3M teaching fellow Dr. Anthony Marini, this program features practical activities, such as a microteaching component, and gives faculty and instructors the opportunity to develop a framework to design lectures, develop effective assessment strategies and identify ways to enhance student engagement in their classes. This program will run on Wednesdays from 1 - 4 p.m. beginning January 22 and ending April 9.*

**Preparing to Teach**
This program is specifically designed to help PhD candidates prepare for the teaching components of a career in academia. Participants will gain hands-on experience with a range of teaching and assessment methods, learn how to manage both large and small classes, and address teaching and learning issues particular to their disciplines. This program will run Tuesdays from 1 - 4 p.m., starting January 28 and ending April 1.*

For more information on these certificates and to please register in advance for the events below.

**cuLearn Training**
These group training sessions provide an overview of cuLearn followed by a hands-on workshop that teaches you cuLearn basics such as adding course content, creating discussion forums and setting up a basic grade-book.

Dec. 9, 10 AM - 12 PM
422 Dunton Tower
The EDC will also host Study Hall sessions that are geared towards instructors who are already familiar with cuLearn but who want to work on courses with an educational consultant nearby who can answer questions.

Dec. 6, 9 AM - 12 PM
Dec. 13, 9 AM - 12 PM
410 Dunton Tower
The EDC also provides one-on-one cuLearn training. Fill out this form to request a session.
Develop your teaching dossier with the EDC's Graduate Student Learning Community

Graduate students looking to develop their teaching dossier can now register for the EDC’s winter 2014 Graduate Student Learning Community.

This program provides a supportive environment in which community members apply their knowledge to develop an effective teaching dossier to submit with academic job applications.

The winter 2014 GSLC will meet once every two weeks between Wednesday, January 22 and Wednesday, April 2 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Don’t miss your opportunity to join this dynamic group and prepare for your future role as an educator. Click here for more information and to register.

You're invited to participate in a research study

After collecting preliminary data with a survey last spring, Athabasca University faculty member Dr. Marti Cleveland-Innes is looking to expand her sample base for her research study - Moving toward pedagogical change: Faculty, teaching with technology and leadership.

Approved by both Athabasca's and Carleton's research ethics boards, the study will assess the process of incorporating new teaching strategies into the role of faculty members at the higher education level. Participants will be asked to complete an online survey about the impact of online education on the role of faculty. They will also be asked to complete a set of interview questions relating to perspectives of technology and leadership for supporting pedagogical change in higher education.

If you are interested in participating in the study, please see this PDF for more information and the consent form.

Important notice for PowerPoint slideshows
Following the recent imaging of computers across campus, some instructors have had difficulty displaying PowerPoint presentations in slideshow mode.

This is due to a security feature in which MS Office displays an “Enable Editing” message in a yellow ribbon at the top of the page if a document was retrieved from a non-Carleton website, including email attachments or Dropbox files.

If you try to launch PowerPoint in slideshow mode without clicking “Enable Editing” first, the program will freeze and need to be shut down via the task manager. If this happens, please restart the program and click the “Enable Editing” button and the slideshow should run smoothly.

If you have any questions about this issue, please contact Classroom Technology Support (CTS) at cts@carleton.ca, 613-520-3815.

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**Scantron services in December**

December is a busy time at the EDC, with a large number of exams being dropped off for grading. In order to ensure that your Scantron drop-off runs quickly and smoothly, please stack all student answer sheets face up with the bar codes on the lefthand side and place your answer key on top. You can also download and fill in a [scanning request form](#) ahead of time.

For more information on the EDC's Scantron services, including more tips on submitting your exams for grading and a how-to guide for uploading your grades to cuLearn, please [click here](#).

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**Missed a recent event? Catch up here!**

If you missed the EDC's teaching roundtable on Nov. 15 (Growing a Plant from a Seed - Teaching for Learning), you can catch up here. For more EDC videos, check out our [YouTube channel](#).