

CITL Faculty Learning Communities

2023-2024 Call for Proposals

The Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning (CITL) invites all full-time instructional faculty to facilitate or co-facilitate a Faculty Learning Community during the upcoming 2023-2024 academic year.

A Faculty Learning Community (FLC) is a group of engaged faculty who work together in a year-long program geared toward integrating new approaches to learning or exploring an issue related to teaching and learning. Topics may include investigating new educational technologies, use of learning analytics, alternative approaches to assessments or grading, or other topics that could improve student learning success. Each community will consist of 6-12 faculty with the goal of the program to support a network of faculty focused on innovation and change in pedagogy across USF.

The CITL Faculty Review Committee will select as many as 10 FLCs based on the strength of their proposals. Communities will then have up to a full year to work together, exploring their topic and developing tools or approaches that will be shared with the broader USF community.

Each FLC will be awarded a budget of up to \$2,500 to support the activities and materials for the project. An additional \$500 per semester will be awarded to the facilitator(s) in recognition of the efforts to manage and support the FLC.

Facilitators are expected to:

- Participate in development and orientation training that will include best practices for creating and sustaining a faculty learning community.
- Work with CITL to promote, recruit participants, establish and maintain the learning community.
- Set and hold regular meetings. Each FLC should plan to meet 8-10 times during the academic year for approximately 2 hours, either in-person or online.
- Submit a budget plan by the end of the second month of the program in which you will estimate how much of the funding (up to \$2,500) your community will need.
- Engage with the FLC to present your work with the broader USF community at a CITL sponsored event.

Info sessions will be held via Microsoft Teams on the following dates:

- April 7 from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm ([Click here](#) to register)
- April 14 from 10:00 am – 11:00 am ([Click here](#) to register)

Proposals must be submitted by April 28, 2023 using the [online form](#). Proposals will address the following information, keeping in mind that the ultimate structure and experience of the FLC will be determined collaboratively by the group.

1. **Topic or Theme**
2. **Community Composition**

Whom do you envision will be in your group? Will the community draw from a single or multi-disciplinary group? Will you engage cross-campus or within a single campus community? Are there any other characteristics that would bring this group together (ex. common social identities, teaching positions, or interests)? All community types may be supported through the FLC program.

3. **Outcomes and impacts**

What do you, as the facilitator(s), want to achieve with this project? For example: increase understanding of best practices, raise campus awareness about student concerns/challenges, create resources or curriculum revision plans for USF departments, host guest speakers or events that bring together faculty, etc.

4. **Community Plan**

What is your plan for meetings/members' participation? For example, timing and format of sessions, types of activities that could include case study discussion and strategizing, syllabus exchange, classroom observations and feedback, discussion of readings related to the topic, etc.

Please email Sara Friedman spfriedm@usf.edu or CITL citl@usf.edu with any questions.