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ĀĪM Pedagogy Project

Innovative Pedagogy Grant Program

The Innovative Pedagogy Grant Program is a unique program that offers faculty and staff the opportunity to learn how to skillfully intertwine technology into a face-to-face, online, or hybrid course. The program has been expanded to all faculty and staff who teach 100-, 200-, 300-, or 400-level courses at the College Station campus. Sixteen awards of up to $10,000 each may be made to Principal Investigators.

All appropriate college Associate Deans for Undergraduate Programs (or equivalent) have been requested to select candidates to participate in the program. Each college will develop its own process for selecting candidates. Please refer to your college's Associate Dean for further details. Candidates must complete the required Request for Proposals.

get your course ready for fall August 15-25

Reboot Camp: Drop By and Get Set Up for Fall

Make plans to attend ITS' Reboot Camp to get high-level overviews and learn more about specific features for many of the centralized systems and software we support.

To coincide with New Faculty Orientation, we will have quick-start sessions with breakout tables in our newly renovated active learning classroom. Get a glimpse of what you can expect during Reboot Camp and visit information stations hosted by ITS staff members. Representatives from Turnitin, iClicker, and Examity will also present vendor sessions throughout Reboot Camp.

If you cannot make Reboot Camp this year, check out our training schedule—now booked through January—for dates and times of workshops that will work best for you. Sign up for specific Reboot Camp workshops today at http://its.tamu.edu/training.

Once colleges have selected and submitted candidates to ITS by close of business on **Monday, August 28**, award letters, notifications of acceptance, and additional details will be provided by Thursday, August 31.

The program directly aligns with the Office of the Provost's Pedagogy Project by supporting the development of course materials that are pedagogically sound, encourage student motivation, and increase student retention.

Program Goals

- Increase student motivation
- Improve student engagement and retention
- Integrate instructional technologies
- Incorporate pedagogy
- Develop measurable course learning outcomes

Visit the [Innovative Pedagogy Grant Program](#) for the RFP, expected outcomes, and further program details.

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Instructional Technology Certificate Program

The Instructional Technology Certificate Program is a no-cost professional development program offered to full-time instructors, instructional

Reboot Camp Schedule

Tuesday, August 15

- Quick-Start Sessions / Come and Go (following New Faculty Orientation), 2:00-4:00

Wednesday, August 16

- Getting Started with eCampus, 10:00-12:00
- Examity Proctoring Service (vendor presentation), 2:00-4:00

Thursday, August 17

- eCampus Communication Tools, 10:00-12:00
- Camtasia Studio, 2:00-4:00

Friday, August 18

- eCampus Course Migration - WEBINAR, 10:00-11:00
- Quality Matters Overview, 11:00-12:00
- eCampus Open Lab / Come and Go, 1:00-4:00

Monday, August 21

- Turnitin Plagiarism & Citation Tool (vendor presentation), 10:00-12:00
- Start Your Course with a PUNCH, 2:00-4:00

Tuesday, August 22

- eCampus Assignments & Assessments, 10:00-12:00
- eCampus Rubrics, 2:00-4:00

Wednesday, August 23

- Creating Accessible Course Materials, 10:00-12:00
- Blackboard Collaborate Ultra, 2:00-4:00

Thursday, August 24

- iClickers in the Classroom (vendor presentation), 10:00-12:00
- iClicker Open Lab (vendor available for setup questions), 2:00-4:00

Friday, August 25

designers, and instructional/distance education support staff throughout the university, including the College Station, Galveston, and Qatar campuses.

The program teaches participants the pedagogical practices to incorporate technology with course design and teaching. It is ideal for anyone teaching or designing face-to-face, blended, or fully online courses. Plus, you further your professional development by earning CEUs. Several electives are available to customize the training to fit your needs.

The number of participants is limited to approximately 10 full-time instructors, instructional designers, and instructional/distance education support staff. A proposal submission is required for consideration into the program.

Submit a proposal by **Thursday, August 31**. Attach the proposal as a Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF file in an email to itshelp@tamu.edu. We will send selection information to participants by Friday, September 8.

Visit the Instructional Technology Certificate Program webpage for more information.

- eCampus Grade Center, 10:00-12:00
- eCampus Open Lab / Come and Go, 1:00-4:00

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New "Blackboard" Student Mobile App for eCampus

The new Blackboard student app (previously named Bb Student) is a persona-based mobile app designed to meet students' unique, immediate needs. The app has been developed to provide a modern, user-friendly mobile experience and will replace the previous Mobile Learn app.

The Blackboard app enables students to stay up to date with their courses with an intuitive activity stream. Students can quickly navigate between course outlines, content, discussions, assignments, assessments, and grades—all with real-time push notifications.

Important Dates for Mobile Apps

Now: The Blackboard student app is available in iOS, Android, and Windows app stores.

August 1: Mobile Learn is scheduled for removal from app stores.

August 31: End of support for Mobile Learn by Blackboard.

Encourage your students to check out the Blackboard student app Feature Guide, which includes a brief App Tour video on YouTube and a comparison list between the new app and the previous Mobile Learn app.

Visit http://ecampus.tamu.edu/mobile for more information and links for downloading the Blackboard app.

About Teaching & Technology UPDATE

Teaching & Technology UPDATE is sent to faculty and instructional staff to provide timely information about training and events

Take Advantage of the University's Membership to WCET

Did You Know? Texas A&M University is a member of WCET, the WICHE Cooperative for Educational Technologies, a division of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education. WCET is a national, membership-based, non-profit organization with a mission of accelerating the adoption of

and to share best practices in teaching and learning from Instructional Technology Services.

effective practices and policies and advancing excellence in technology-enhanced learning in higher education.

WCET has a community of over 370 colleges, universities, and organizations. All TAMU faculty, administrators, and staff are invited to subscribe to WCET's member-only email lists at no cost:

- [WCETNews](#) – A weekly article digest of national news related to higher education and technology.

- [WCETDiscuss](#) – A moderated list for discussions about instructional technology, ranging from how instructional design is organized to integrating web collaboration tools and more.

In addition, the organization's [Frontiers](#) blog features staff and guest bloggers who share policy updates, institutional stories about how to encourage innovation, and strategies for creating a campus culture of accessibility.