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...presentations at virtual conferences. Students must apply 30 days before the start of the academic year.

The Undergraduate Student Travel Fund (USTF) supports research and scholarly endeavors. Undergraduate students interested in applying for funding can find more information on the USTF website.

Faculty Affinity Groups: Teaching While X

In our Learning and Development Series, we are exploring effective strategies for supporting faculty inclusive excellence. The series focuses on how certain criteria effectively exclude faculty of color and how to reorganize course materials to reduce student bias. To thrive, not to survive, in academic teaching, faculty of color and marginalized communities need to be acknowledged and supported. This series will provide tools and resources to facilitate inclusive teaching practices.

Supporting Faculty Inclusive Excellence Workshop: Equitable Evaluation of RPT

Questions? Contact the Stearns Center at Stearns@gmu.edu or subscribe to the Stearns Center Digital Learning's Online Teaching Coaching Newsletter, whether you are new to teaching online or an experienced online instructor.

Stearns Center Consultations

To support inclusive teaching, the Stearns Center team can provide consultations on a range of topics such as voicethread & learning webinar, creating and grading experiential learning in Mason Impact courses, and efficient grading for assignments and activities. Through Zoom, these consultations can be tailored to meet individual needs.

Continuing Professional Development Workshops

- November 1, 2021, 1:00 - 2:30 pm | Exploring OER
- November 3, 2021, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. | Facilitator: Crystal Anderson
- November 3, 2021, 11:00 p.m. - 12:00 p.m.  | Facilitator: Crystal Anderson

This webinar is designed to introduce foundational practices for teaching with writing and design, low-stakes writing assignments, and feedback helpful. You might also want to consider joining us for one of our upcoming workshops, which will focus on strategies for teaching online, Inclusive, equitable teaching, and more.

Teaching Excellence Awards

- Adjunct TEA and Online TEA Nomination Deadline: November 15, 2021

To nominate an outstanding teaching excellence or Adjunct TEA for faculty development workshops, please visit our website or contact Crystal Anderson at wac@gmu.edu. As the semester continues, you might find our brief guides on assignment design, low-stakes writing assignments, and feedback helpful. You might also want to explain? This is a perfect time to try it out with your students as they work on their assignments.

If you didn't get to attend as many sessions as you'd hoped—and trust us, we know how that goes!—there's always a chance to rewatch the videos. Never miss an event! Bookmark our Event Calendar.