



Faculty Enrichment Programs 2009-2010

Faculty Mentoring Program



This program involves the mentoring of recently-appointed, tenure-track faculty (mentees) by tenured faculty members (mentors). The goal of the program is to assist new faculty in becoming acclimated to the University and provide support. It is *not* designed to replace other programs that already exist in the various academic units. **Mentors are matched with mentees from outside their college or school** in order to facilitate relationships that likely would not occur otherwise. Optional social events are offered for both mentors and mentees.

Instructional Support Sessions



This initiative is designed to support and enhance classroom instruction, and is open to all faculty, including those who are part time and non-tenure track. Four sessions, led by Dr. Mary Lynn Crow, Professor in the College of Education and a member of the Academy of Distinguished Teachers, will be held during Fall 2009. The session topics will be *Teaching Concepts Inductively*, *Teaching by Inquiry*, *Matching Course Assessments to Learning*, and *Rubric Use and Construction*. Techniques will be demonstrated and faculty will have the opportunity to actively participate in the demonstrations.



Teaching Circles

Teaching circles are small groups of faculty (both full and part time) that meet at four pre-scheduled times throughout the academic year for informal discussions about a common theme or issue related to teaching and learning. Circle topics for this academic year include *Teaching First-Year Students*, *Diversity in the Classroom*, *Active Learning*, *Service Learning* and *New Faculty Issues*. Each circle, supported by a book or selected readings, allows members to share experiences and offer support to each other.



RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY SUPPORT

This program is designed to assist tenure-track faculty with their scholarly activities as they move toward tenure and promotion. Five panel discussion sessions will be held during the academic year. The discussions will feature successful scholars from across the campus plus select administrators. Previous session topics have included *External Funding and Grant Development*, *Interdisciplinary Research*, and *Understanding Tenure and Promotion Requirements and Procedures*. A schedule will be sent to faculty in September.

Faculty Guide

The guide is composed of a collection of links to documents and web pages that are maintained and updated regularly such as the UT Arlington Handbook of Operating Procedures and the UT System Regent's Rules and Regulations. It is available at www.uta.edu/facultyguide.



ELECTRONIC BINDER

A binder similar to the one produced each year for the New Faculty Orientation is available on the Provost's webpage at www.uta.edu/provost. The binder is updated each August and contains information about numerous campus resources including the Library, OIT, Student Affairs, Office for Students with Disabilities, Research Administration and many more.

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