

Invitation to Participate

President Vistasp Karbhari and UTA Academic Affairs are happy to announce we are sponsoring a new opportunity for UTA faculty this fall, designed to enhance our campus commitment to faculty and student success. We are partnering with the Association of College and University Educators (ACUE) to offer the *Course in Effective Teaching Practices* to up to 66 faculty participants and expanding it to include a second cohort. This is the first course designed for higher education faculty that leads to a nationally-recognized Certificate in Effective College Instruction endorsed by the American Council on Education (ACE). This opportunity is being funded by the President's Office and UT System and there will be **no cost to you or your department**.

The Course consists of 25 modules that you will complete online working with a cohort of other faculty and guided by a facilitator from UTA. ACUE will kick off the program with an in-person orientation on September 16, after which participants will begin work on the first two modules. The Course will begin on September 17th and go through May with course-takers completing two online modules each week. Participants from UTA will gather monthly to share insights, ask questions and support each other's learning. (You can learn more about the Course and the content of each module here: <http://acue.org/course/>)

All full-time 9 month non-tenure track and tenure-stream faculty are eligible to participate. We particularly encourage new tenure-track faculty that are developing courses to join this initiative. In addition to the Certification in Higher Education Teaching upon successful completion of the course, your participation in ACUE could be considered a grant of \$1,200 and also count towards professional development in your annual evaluation. I enthusiastically support this effort and look forward to recognizing participants at the end of the course at next Fall's Faculty and Associates meeting.

To apply, please submit the following as a **single PDF file** to Karen Bittner at bittner@uta.edu by **March 27th at 5:00 pm**:

- **Cover Letter (no more than one page)** that includes: 1) how your participation in the course would impact you as well as the institution, and 2) a description of your teaching experience that includes the courses you are currently teaching, the enrollment in your courses, and the diversity of majors impacted by your courses and teaching efforts.
- **Curriculum Vitae**
- **Letter of Support** from your Department Chair or Direct Supervisor

The 66 faculty selected will be notified by April 20. Please reach out to Dr. Antoinette Sol, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, at amsol@uta.edu if you have any questions. We look forward to your participation.

Best,
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