

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS:

PROGRAM FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AND LEARNING (PETAL)

OVERVIEW

The Program for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (PETAL) aims to enhance excellence and foster innovative approaches to teaching. Sponsored by the Provost, it is offered to all new incoming faculty (both classroom and non-classroom). PETAL is designed to be a space for faculty with all levels of experience to reflect on and engage in conversation about good teaching, inclusivity, equity, and accessibility.

There may be space available in PETAL during Spring 2025 for other faculty members in addition to the new faculty. We invite any interested faculty to express their interest in participating in this program. We are starting this process early to give interested faculty members ample time to plan for it. Please note that the exact number of seats available will not be confirmed until the hiring process for new faculty is completed.

This opportunity is open to all full-time tenure-track classroom and non-classroom faculty members at any stage of their careers who wish to enhance their teaching skills.

PROGRAM DETAILS

- **Duration:** The 15-week program will run throughout the Spring of 2025. All participants are required to attend weekly meetings on Fridays from 12 to 3 pm.
- **Format:** A combination of workshops, seminars, and collaborative projects.
- **Topics:** Inclusive and effective teaching practices, using the whole campus as a learning lab, and more. See a copy of the [2023 Syllabus](#) for topics covered in the program.
- **Benefits:**
 - Engage with a community of educators across disciplines and varying levels of experience.
 - Learn about available resources and tools to be more effective in your teaching.
 - Opportunity to develop as a critically reflective practitioner.
 - Three (3) credit AWA.

ELIGIBILITY

- Full-time tenure-track faculty members (classroom and non-classroom) from all disciplines are eligible to apply.

TENTATIVE TIMELINE

- April 8, 2024: Announcement inviting applications.
- August 15, 2024: Due date for submitting completed applications.
- September 15, 2024: Notification of acceptance
- January 24, 2025: Program launch

APPLICATION PROCESS

Interested faculty members should complete the online application by **August 15, 2024**.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Applications will be reviewed based on the following criteria:

1. Clear goals for participation
2. Willingness to engage in reflective practice and openness to feedback.
3. Commitment to collaborate and work across disciplines.
4. Plan for sharing knowledge with others.
5. Availability for weekly PETAL sessions in Spring 2025 (Fridays from 12 – 3 pm)

CONTACT INFORMATION

For inquiries or additional details, please contact the Teaching and Learning Center at tlc@wcupa.edu.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Complete the [application form](#).
2. Upload a copy of this document, with the completed signatures below, to the [application form](#).

Support from your department chair and dean:

Applicant Name (Print):

Applicant Signature:

Date:

Department Chair (Print):

Department Chair Signature:

Date:

Dean (Print):

Dean Signature:

Date: