Incubator for Teaching Innovation
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Call for Applications
College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) Innovative Teaching Associates
Application Deadline: Monday, April 2, 2018

The newly established Incubator for Teaching Innovation in the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) is pleased to invite applications for the CAS Innovative Teaching Associates program. Up to four (4) faculty members will be selected to serve a two-year term as Associates beginning in Fall 2018.

Description
The CAS Innovative Teaching Associates serve as the Incubator’s core leadership team. They are a group of creative, collegial faculty who are curious about new teaching approaches and interested in enhancing the practice and culture of teaching in the College of Arts and Sciences. The Associates program provides an opportunity for selected faculty to receive support to pursue an innovative teaching project, to participate in an interdisciplinary community of peers focused on teaching, to help shape Incubator programming, and to serve as a resource and ambassador to their colleagues.

Each Associate will serve a two-year term during which he or she will receive a budget of $5,000 per year ($10,000 total) to do the following: (Note: Budget may not be used for personal compensation or course release.)

- Complete an individual innovation project designed to positively transform teaching in his or her department, in a specific major or course(s), or in the college. Projects are expected to draw on current pedagogical research and best practices, have the potential to enhance students’ learning, and expand the Associate’s teaching knowledge and practice.
- Serve as an ambassador and resource on teaching to faculty in his or her home department, by promoting the activities of the CAS Innovative Teaching Incubator and other relevant teaching resources on campus, and by engaging in informal “water cooler” conversations with colleagues.
- Participate in bimonthly brownbag meetings to discuss fellow Associates’ projects in progress, plan program events, and share ideas about improving and developing the program.
- Help plan and lead Incubator events, including Gamecock Teaching Days and other activities associated with the program.

Eligibility
Full-time faculty members of any rank (including tenured, tenure-track, and non-tenure-track) in the College of Arts and Sciences who have a minimum of three (3) years of teaching experience in the college are eligible to apply. Applicants must obtain the endorsement of their department and/or program chair (see “Application Materials” below). Candidates who anticipate taking sabbatical or research leave during the two-year term should not apply. Preference will be given to applicants who regularly teach
undergraduate courses in the college and who have a strong record of effectiveness and demonstrated interest in undergraduate teaching. Reappointment and funding for the second year of the term will be contingent upon continued full-time faculty employment at the university and active participation in program activities.

Application Materials

1. Completed application form (see below)
2. Signed endorsement from department chair and/or program director (applicants with joint appointments should submit an endorsement from both units)
3. Two letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with the applicant’s teaching record and approach
4. Current CV

Email the completed application packet as a PDF to Christy Friend, faculty leader of the Incubator for Teaching Innovation, at cfriend@sc.edu, by 12:00 midnight on Monday, April 2, 2018.

Selection Process and Criteria
Applications will be evaluated by a selection committee consisting of the Incubator leader, current CAS Innovative Teaching Associates, and a representative from the Dean’s office. Applications will be evaluated based on the innovativeness, quality, and likely impact of the candidate’s proposed project and activities. Selections will be announced on or before Monday, April 30, 2018.

Further Information
Please direct questions about the CAS Innovative Teaching Associates program or about the application process to Christy Friend at cfriend@sc.edu.
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Name:
Department:
Position Title/Rank:
Email:
Number of years teaching as a full-time faculty member in the college:

List of courses taught and approximate student enrollments during the past 3 years:

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Please respond to each of the following questions in a few sentences or brief paragraph (150-word maximum per response):

1. Briefly explain your interest in being a CAS Innovative Teaching Associate. What makes you a good candidate and what strengths would you bring to the program?

2. What new teaching approaches or ideas are you most interested in exploring?

3. What teaching innovation project would you like to pursue as an Associate? How would this project transform your teaching, teaching in your unit, and/or the culture or practice of teaching in the college?

4. Briefly discuss how you foresee serving as an informal resource and ambassador on teaching to your colleagues. How would you help to create a positive, collegial, forward-thinking culture of teaching?
Unit Chair’s Endorsement
(Note: Candidates with joint appointments should obtain a signed endorsement from the chairs of both supervising units.)

Candidate’s Name:

Candidate’s Title/Rank:

Department or Program Name:

Statement of Endorsement:
I endorse this candidate’s application for the CAS Innovative Teaching Associates program. If the candidate is selected, I endorse his/her participation in the program for a two-year term. I attest that the candidate is employed and in good standing as a full-time faculty member.

Chair’s Name:

Chair’s Email:

Chair’s Signature: ______________________________