THE CETL SCOOP

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SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

Applications are open for three (3) summer opportunities. Each of these programs comes with summer non-instructional pay for work performed in the summer. Please check out these opportunities below. The deadline to apply is **11:59 p.m. on February 7, 2025**.

SoTL Manuscript Completion Program | May 13-21 | $1,250 summer salary

Up to eight (8) KSU faculty members will come together to spend time in person and online focusing on completing their project for publication supported by a structured consultation and peer review process. Click here to learn more.

Open-Theme Course Redesign | May 12-15 | $1,500 summer salary

Participants are exposed to the theory and research of instructional strategies or pedagogies, followed by the time and space to put that theory into practice while developing new course plans and assignments. Click here to learn more.

Starting Blocks - Student Success Champions | Yearlong (2025-2026)

Faculty will participate in summer professional development activities, the use what they learned to create events and resources in the Fall and Spring to support their colleagues in their student success efforts. Click here to learn more.

CETL FACULTY FELLOWS

CETL is hiring up to three (3) faculty fellows for 2025-2026. Learn more about each opportunity and apply through the links below. The deadline to apply is February 7, 2025.

- CETL Faculty Fellow for Learning-Centered Teaching (up to 2)
- CETL Faculty Fellow for Teaching Excellence in Strategic Areas

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Celebration of Teaching Day

On November 20, the KSU community came together to recognize 389 faculty as well as elevate and amplify teaching practices at the inaugural Celebration of Teaching Day. After the recognition, attendees learned more about small teaching practices from author Dr. James Lang.
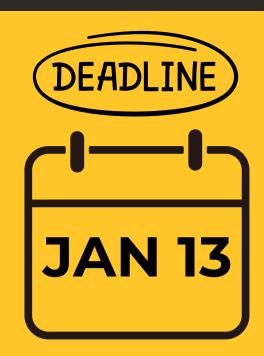
The day continued with a panel on Teaching with AI (with Dr. Jeanne Law, Dr. Ali Keyvanfar, and Dr. Nazmus Sakib) and closed the day with a workshop on Refreshing Your Course(s) for Spring: An Overview of the Backward Design Process.

We will host the Celebration of Teaching Day again in fall 2025. Faculty who participate in the Expanding the NEST Recognition program in spring 2025 and or fall 2025 will be recognized in addition to other accomplishments in teaching.

SPRING OPPORTUNITIES

CETL has two funded opportunities with deadlines approaching. With the upcoming holidays, we wanted to make sure this was on your calendar.

Teaching Academy for Part-Time Faculty is a virtual two-day learning event designed to introduce faculty who teach part-time to research on how people learn and to teaching strategies found to foster deep learning in our students. Upon completion each Academy participant will receive $750 additional pay. For more information and to apply, please visit this webpage.

DEADLINE

JAN 13

Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) Conference Presentation Funds Program is to sponsor a limited amount of travel funding for faculty whose SoTL has been accepted for presentation at disciplinary or interdisciplinary conferences. For more information and to apply, please visit this webpage.

KSU Faculty Awards

The nomination process for the KSU Faculty Awards is open on the CETL webpage. Each award has specific criteria, so please ensure you are looking at the requirements for the award you are submitting a nomination for.

IMPORTANT: The nominations are submitted on the CETL webpage from the college dean or designee. Now would be a great time to connect with your college about how they are handling the nomination process.

DEADLINE

JAN 31

Spotlight Series

Expanding the NEST

Every month, we will be spotlighting one of the practices for cultivating student success. This is meant to provide tips for implementing the practice.

This month we are spotlighting:
#1: Build rapport through icebreakers, small group activities, collaborative thinking, tone, etc.

As you launch your spring courses, it is important to plan how you will build rapport with students. CETL faculty Laura Howard, CETL Faculty Fellow for Learning-Centered Teaching, and Linda Stewart published this article in *Faculty Focus* with tips on how to write a welcome message to your class and more tips on culturally responsive moves to help build community throughout the semester. This article was written for building rapport in digital spaces, but these practices are also applicable to in-person or hybrid spaces.

Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL)

Do you have a recent SoTL publication or teaching-related grant? We would love to feature you in our SoTL Spotlight! Fill out this form and let your SoTL shine!

Upcoming Events

Come join CETL for opportunities to grow and connect with others here at Kennesaw State University. All of our events can be found on this underline website. Below is a list of upcoming events and deadlines. Please remember our registration process is handled through OwlTrain. If you have any questions, please email us at cetl@kennesaw.edu

Onboarding Series | Thinking Strategically about Annual Reviews
Monday, Jan. 13
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Hybrid

Assessing Prior Knowledge
Thursday, Jan. 23
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
CETL Workshop Lab

Pedagogical Partners: Co-Creating Course Guidelines and More with Students
Wednesday, Jan. 15
1:25 - 2:15 p.m.
Webinar

Finding an Approach to AI in Alignment with Your Teaching Philosophy
Tuesday, Jan. 28
11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Webinar

Preparing & Submitting Your Annual Review Documents
Friday, Jan. 17
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Webinar

Book Chat: Becoming a SoTL Scholar
Wednesday, Jan. 29
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Webinar

How Learning Works Book Chat | Mastery, Practice and Feedback
Wednesday, Jan. 22
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
CETL Workshop Lab

Mutual Mentoring Groups
Please see all MMGs being offered and email cetl@kennesaw.edu if you are interested in joining one.

Upcoming Deadlines

Teaching Academy for Part-Time Faculty
Deadline: Jan. 13 @ 11:59 p.m.

SoTL Conference Presentation Funds
Deadline: Jan. 13 @ 11:59 p.m.

KSU Faculty Awards
Deadline: Jan. 31 @ 5:00 p.m.

SoTL Manuscript Completion Program
Deadline: Feb. 7 @ 11:59 p.m.

Open-Theme Course Redesign
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