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Faculty Application: UNIFI Winter Break Certificate Development Institute

3 days – January 10, 11, and 12, 2022
9-11:30 am via Zoom
$500 stipend per faculty member for participation and completion

This three-day institute experience is focused on the development of general education (UNIFI) certificates, where multidisciplinary teams of up to 4 faculty members per team will work collaboratively to develop certificates with either new or already existing courses from their departments. (Department heads are welcome to participate as their schedules allow.) In order to make substantial progress in developing certificates, participants are expected to complete some pre-work prior to the synchronous meetings, including reading articles, watching videos, and collaborating with team colleagues to create drafts of a few assignments. Participants must commit to attending each of the three days.

The synchronous meetings will provide information from campus experts and allow for substantial hands-on work time for teams in breakout rooms. The three main topics are 1) Creating Engaging Certificates for UNIFI Students, 2) Infusing Written and Oral Communication into Certificates, and 3) Creating Cohesive Certificates. By January 19, 2022, each team will be ready to submit a fully-developed certificate proposal, including a catalog-type description, enrollment plan, and resources to include in a Blackboard shell designed for each certificate.

Broad areas that will be covered include:
- Overview of the new general education program and the goals of the general education certificates
- Alignment across the certificate: courses, SLOs, and pedagogies
- Best practices in creating a sustainable structure for managing and maintaining the certificate (planning resource allocation, coordination plans, etc.)
- Best practices in infusing written and oral communication into discipline-specific courses
- Individual consultations available for each team’s certificate proposal

Team member names:

Team members' home departments:

Proposed certificate theme:

Proposed SLOs to be covered in the certificate:

Have any potential courses for the certificate already been submitted for approval to GERC? If yes, please identify.