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Focus on Teaching - February 2022

Know a great teacher?

The [President's Distinguished Teacher Award](#) recognizes one individual who best represents significant long-term, career achievements in teaching, pedagogy and the promotion of excellence in learning and teaching. Do you know someone that you think should be recognized? Application portfolios are due February 14, 2022.



And don't forget, faculty can still submit completed portfolios for the [Faculty Excellence Award](#) and the [Award for Excellence in Interculturalization](#) until February 14. The [Open Learning Teaching Excellence Award](#) nomination forms closes a bit earlier- on February 11.

Awards are given out at the Annual Merit Awards Ceremony in April.

Good luck to all nominated!

Upcoming Events

Teaching Practices Colloquium

Tuesday, February 22

9 a.m.-4 p.m., via MS Teams

Join your colleagues for this fun and engaging annual conference! Keynote speakers Dr. Ronald Ignace and Dr. Marianne Ignace will be followed by a day of concurrent sessions by TRU faculty members.

Registration is free!

[Register or learn more about the TPC here](#)

Making the Most of
Teaching and Learning



February 22, 2022

Teaching Practices
Colloquium (Virtual)
tru.ca/tpc



Announcements

TIIG Deadline Extended

Proposals due Monday, February 28

Proposals are invited from University Instructors, tenure-track, and tenured faculty who are interested in enhancing and building the classroom experience by adopting or experimenting with instructional approaches that challenge, support, and encourage students.

Two information sessions are available so you can learn more:

[February 1 from 3:00- 3:30](#)

[February 3 from 10:30-11:00](#)

Learn more about the grant and [apply here](#)

SoTL Scholars Grant Program

Deadline March 1, 2022

Whether you are an experienced SoTL researcher or just starting with SoTL, this 12-month grant program offers up to \$2000 to support SoTL research projects. It is designed for SoTL researchers with any level of experience, ranging from those who are novice to those who have previously completed projects and who may not need assistance in all areas of project development or ethics applications.

Learn more and [apply here](#)

In Progress: the CELT Blog

New Post

[Community of Curious Educators: Open Educational Resources \(OER\) for the Curiosity-driven, Inquiry-based Learning Project](#)

By Naowarat (Ann) Cheeptham and Carol Rees



Have a teaching idea you'd like to write about? Send us an email! celt@tru.ca

Professional Development

COVID Safety Protocols for TRU Classrooms and Campus

Wednesday, February 2, 1:30-2:30 p.m., via MS Teams

Join Sarah Martin, Manager, Health, Safety, and the Environment in TRU's Office of Safety and Emergency Management (OSEM) for a



discussion on COVID protocols in the classroom, such as mask use, illness management, hygiene, group work, and general protocols and controls in place across campus.

[Register here](#)

How to Create Authentic and Transformative Land Acknowledgments

Monday, February 7, 12:30-1:30 p.m., via MS Teams

Join Laura Grizzlypaws for this deep dive into understanding and creating meaningful land acknowledgements that recognize and honour Indigenous Nations and their relationship with their land and people.

[Register here](#)

Introduction to Teaching Triangles

Tuesday, February 8, 1-2 p.m., via MS Teams

Have you ever wished you could be a fly on the wall in someone else's classroom or Moodle space?

If so, then the Teaching Triangles program is for you. This program provides faculty with the opportunity to gain insight into their teaching and their students' learning through a non-evaluative, formative process of reciprocal classroom visits and guided self-reflection.

Note: to enroll, please attend the session. If you cannot attend, please email us at celt@tru.ca and we will arrange an alternative date to meet with you.

[Register here](#)

Making the Most of Peer Review of Teaching and Instructional Support

Thursday, February 10, 11 a.m-12:30 p.m., via MS Teams

Join us to learn more about the revised peer review of teaching and instructional support process and how it can benefit you in your professional practice.



[Register here](#)

OE Symposium, including Open Pedagogy Lightning Talks

March 7 - 11

The University of Alberta, Centre for Teaching and Learning is celebrating [Open Education Week](#) (March 7 - 11, 2022) by hosting their second Open Education Symposium. Join

colleagues from TRU as part of this exciting and informative event!

New Faculty Community of Practice (Monthly)

If you're new or new(ish) to TRU and would like to connect with others to hear about topics pertinent to you, please join us for this New Faculty Community of Practice.

Email celt@tru.ca to join.

Show up and Write - Community Writing Group

Fridays, 9-11 a.m., HL 402

Based on the successful "Shut Up & Write" community movement, this weekly writing group provides community and, if you join in person, a quiet space to join with faculty and staff at TRU to make time to write.

[Register here](#)



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Learning Technology & Innovation

Learning Technology

Learning Technology & Innovation (LT&I) offers regular drop in sessions and a diverse selection of informative workshops, exploring innovative approaches to using technology.



Instructors and Faculty

» [Workshops Without Walls](#)

Learning opportunities on a range of topics

» [Teaching Unbound \(Moodle Campus\)](#)

Learning Technology Office Hours

Tuesday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to noon and 2 to 4 p.m.

Email: learningtech@tru.ca

Students

» [Learning Without Walls](#)

Support for students in Moodle. (enrolment key: help)

Email: studenthelp@tru.ca

Listen/Watch/Explore

- [You Got This!](#) Podcast

- [Teaching with Video](#)
- [Teaching Unbound](#)
- [Moodle Orientation](#)

Conferences

Visit our [External Conferences](#) page to get up to date information on upcoming conferences, including links and submission deadlines.



Here's a sneak peek at what's on there right now: [\[See More\]](#)

Mar 7-11 OE Symposium (including Open Pedagogy Lightning Talks) - University of Alberta, University of Calgary, and Thompson Rivers University (Online) [Conference website](#)

Mar 8-10 BCNET CONNECT: Higher Ed & Research Tech Summit (Vancouver, BC) [Conference website](#)

Mar 10-11 Vancouver Community College Teaching, Learning and Research Symposium (Online) [Conference website](#)

May 1-3 University of Calgary Conference on Postsecondary Learning and Teaching (Hybrid/Calgary, AB) [Conference website](#)

May 2-4 Canadian Network for Innovation in Education 2022 Conference: Innovation Every Day: Moving Beyond COVID-19, Concordia University (Online) [Conference website](#)

May 4-5 Dalhousie Conference on University Teaching and Learning (Online) [Conference website](#)

May 16-19 Open/Technology in Education, Society and Scholarship Association (OTESSA) (Online) [Conference website](#)

May 31-Jun 3 ICED22 - Sustainable Educational Development - International Consortium for Educational Development - Danish Network for Educational Development in Higher Education (Aarhus, Denmark) [Conference website](#)

Jun 14-17 Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (STLHE) (Ottawa, ON) [Conference website](#)

Nov 2-5 ISSOTL 2022: At the intersections of SoTL: Transfer & Transformation, Diversity & Inclusivity - Syilx Okanagan Nation (UBC's Okanagan Campus, Kelowna, BC) [Conference website](#)

Focus on Teaching is the monthly newsletter of the Centre for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT). We showcase instructional development opportunities and resources for TRU faculty and staff, and up-to-date information on current projects, initiatives and

professional development opportunities. To read past issues of Focus on Teaching or to subscribe to our mailing list, visit our [Newsletters page](#).

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To contact CELT, email celt@tru.ca and we will do our best to respond within 24 hours. Please note that some members of our team are working remotely.

