The Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning (CITL) invites applications from non-tenure track (NTT) faculty members at IUB who are interested in participating in one of the CITL’s NTT Faculty Learning Communities for the 2014-2015 academic year. These NTT Faculty Learning Communities (FLCs) are part of the CITL’s response to a request from Provost Lauren Robel for support for NTT faculty to help them progress along their career paths.

What is a faculty learning community?

The primary goal of an FLC is to bring together a group of instructors, usually from a variety of disciplines or fields of study, to explore a specific topic area or theme as it relates to best practices in teaching and learning. This goal is achieved by providing a safe, supportive community in which members can discuss and experiment with new approaches to teaching and learning, and engage in collaborative research related to the topic of the FLC.

What topics will be addressed in the NTT FLCs?

The NTT FLCs will focus on the career development of NTT faculty, and specifically on concerns of NTT faculty related to teaching and learning. The specific topics to be addressed will include:

- targeting a specific aspect of one’s teaching for improvement
- creating an individual professional development plan
- exploring approaches to improving one’s teaching
- gathering evidence of good teaching
- compiling a course portfolio

The NTT FLCs will be co-facilitated by Lisa Kurz (CITL) and a senior NTT faculty member. Participation in these FLCs may be viewed as evidence of the participants’ ongoing commitment to enhancing their teaching. In addition, participation in an FLC may provide leadership opportunities in the future, because co-facilitators of future NTT FLCs may be drawn from current FLC participants.

Who may apply?

Full-time NTT faculty at IU Bloomington, especially those at junior levels, may apply.

What are the responsibilities of FLC Members?

FLC members will be expected to:
- prepare for, attend, and actively participate in all meetings (FLCs will probably meet twice per month)
• submit a report by June 30, 2014 on the results of their discussions and findings
• share their work with a larger audience, by giving a presentation on their work, providing resources for NTT colleagues regarding approaches to teaching and learning, or through some other means

Finally, FLC members will be invited to provide feedback at the end of the project about their experience in their FLC, by completing a short survey.

What is the process for applying to participate in one of the NTT FLCs?

If you are interested in participating in one of the NTT FLCs, please complete a brief application that can be accessed through this link. In the fall 2014 semester, one NTT FLC will meet on **Mondays from 2:30 to 3:30 pm**, probably on alternate weeks; the other will meet on **Thursdays from 9:30 to 10:30 am**, again probably on alternate weeks. In the application form, you will have an opportunity to indicate which time(s) you would be available to attend FLC meetings.

**Important Dates**

- **Friday, September 19, 2014, at midnight**: Deadline for applications
- **Monday, September 29, 2014**: Successful applicants are notified
- **Friday, January 30, 2015**: Interim report due
- **June 30, 2015**: Final report due

If you have any questions about the NTT FLCs, please contact Lisa Kurz (kurz@indiana.edu or 856-0647).