

Center for Teaching Excellence Director

We are pleased to announce an open call for the next Director of the Center for Teaching Excellence. After two full terms (6 years) of excellent leadership of the CTE, Dr. Michael Harris has decided to transition into a new role as Department Chair for Education Policy and Leadership. Faculty interested in becoming the next CTE Director are encouraged to apply for a three-year (renewable) appointment effective January 10, 2022. The Director of the CTE reports to the Associate Provost for Faculty Success and includes a team with Dr. Addy Tolliver, Senior Instructional Designer, and Dr. Molly Ellis, Associate Director of Learning Analytics and Student Success. Key priorities for the CTE team and the directorship role include the following:

- Design a series of faculty engagement opportunities, such as the Faculty Affiliate Program, the Faculty Development Advisory Committee, and a Graduate Student Instructor Team
- Develop a new initiative, the Student Engagement Institute, to enhance our SMU-in-Four supports for student retention and success
- Coordinate the SMU-in-Four First-Year and Gateway Course Redesign Institute and other related projects for the Quality Enhancement Plan
- Provide processes and workshops with and for full-time and adjunct faculty on topics related to teaching, learning and continuous improvement
- Collaborate on direct engagement and outreach for faculty, such as workshops, on-request teaching observations, and intra-university networking
- Support annual teaching awards and grants (e.g., Altshuler Distinguished Teaching Awards, Golden Mustang Award, Provost's Teaching Recognition Award, President's Associates Outstanding Faculty Award, Just in Time teaching grants)
- Provide leadership and management of course evaluation system
- Support faculty who supervise Graduate Student Instructors
- Collaborate with campus-wide partners that impact instructional initiatives (Office of Information Technology, Central University Libraries, Moody School of Graduate and Advance Studies, SMU GO/CAPE, and the Office of Institutional Planning and Effectiveness)

All full-time, benefits-eligible faculty are eligible to apply. A strong candidate will demonstrate interest and participation in initiatives related to faculty development, innovative teaching, and collegial networking. The CTE Director is an 11-month position with up to 75% of the academic year allocated to the directorship appointment and two compensated summer months annually.

Application Process

Applications are due by Friday, October 1, and should be submitted as a single cover letter (pdf) to cte@smu.edu that addresses prior experiences/interests that align with the directorship role and that also outlines, for at least 4 of the specific areas described above, ideas for how the CTE might approach these over a three-year window. Finalists will be invited to an interview the week of October 11-15 with a start date of January 10, 2022. Questions about the position or process can be addressed to Paige Ware, Associate Provost for Faculty Success: pware@smu.edu.