

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: 2021-2022
**The Mack Center at Indiana University for Inquiry on Teaching
and Learning**

MACK CENTER FELLOWSHIP TEAMS

The Mack Fellows' work is at the very core of the mission of Indiana University's Mack Center for Inquiry on Teaching and Learning. The goal of the Mack Fellowship program is to promote and enhance the community of IU faculty engaged in the scholarship of teaching and learning, often known as SoTL. This year, the Mack Fellowship program will experiment with a new model: research teams. Rather than selecting individual Mack Fellow projects, we will identify two teams of 2-4 faculty members who consider themselves inexperienced in SoTL research. The teams of new Mack Fellows will be partnered with a prior-year Mack Fellow to complete a SoTL project. The work need not focus on a particular course or discipline; any organizing principle of interest to the team is great. Each team will receive \$4,000 to distribute evenly to each member. Team proposals should identify the team members but need not identify a mentor. Proposal requirements are provided below.

Projects should be innovative, well grounded in the emerging body of knowledge about SoTL and have clear goals to improve students' learning or advance our understanding of the teaching and learning process. Dissemination through poster sessions and journal submission in an appropriate scholarly peer-reviewed journal are expectations of the fellowship. Further dissemination through other publications and through the successful implementation of new programs is encouraged.

Each of these issues of innovation, significance, and dissemination must be discussed in the proposal. A successful proposal will indicate the importance of the research issues that the applicant wishes to study as well as placing the research within the existing body of literature. While preliminary results may be discussed, they are not required, and applicants new to SoTL are strongly encouraged. As described in the application calendar below, some proposals may be given feedback and an opportunity to resubmit by a secondary deadline.

The Mack Center and FACET office will identify mentors who are willing to support a group of less-experienced SoTL researchers as they refine their project, gather and analyze data, and prepare a publication.

Eligibility

Fellows must be full-time faculty (tenure-track appointments, non-tenure track teaching faculty, and librarians with faculty rank). Fellows may be from any IU campus or IU/Purdue Fort Wayne (FACET Fort Wayne).

Proposal Format and Review

Proposals are relatively brief, 1,500 words is a guideline for the main body, and should include the following:

1. Research questions
2. Drafted budget
3. Plan/timeline
4. Team members' names, contact information and curriculum vitae
5. Two to three letters of support for the project

Proposals are reviewed for innovation and the significance of the work, and planned dissemination of results. Several successful proposals are available on the Mack Center website, though the proposal format has changed. You can also get great advice from former Mack Fellows. There are former [Mack Fellows](#) on every campus.

Review Process and Calendar

A panel of ~4 faculty members with SoTL experience will review the proposals. Former Fellows generally comprise some, though not all, of the panel. The review follows this calendar:

November 30, 2021	Deadline for completed proposals
March 1, 2022	Applicants informed of decisions (Accept, Decline, Resubmit with revisions)
March 15, 2022	Public announcement of new Mack Fellows and Mentors

Award Process and Mack Fellows' Responsibilities

The mentor will receive the \$1,000 stipend once the project is complete. Team members will receive an equal portion of the \$4,000 stipend once all fellowship responsibilities have been satisfied. This includes giving a talk (generally a poster) at the FACET retreat approximately 14 months after project completion, and submitting a paper to a peer reviewed journal, usually two years later. This is detailed in the award calendar below. We also expect that all Mack Fellows will participate in the community, mentor future Mack Fellows, review proposals, and support SoTL activities on their own campuses.

IRB approval

By their nature, most SoTL projects will need IRB approval. Some projects may have prior approval, but many will require a new IRB submission. The team members are responsible for submitting the project to their campus review board. Please send a copy of IRB approval to the FACET office, facet@iu.edu, once it is attained.

August 15, 2022	Deadline for IRB approval of project
2022-2023	Most of the project should be completed during the academic year
May 2023 ¹	Mack Fellows present in a poster session at the FACET Retreat and Mentor receives stipend after poster session
May 2024 ¹	Deadline to submit an article to a peer-reviewed journal
TBD ¹	Mack Fellows receive stipend after article submission

¹ These deadlines may be extended by one year, as long as a progress report is submitted to the Mack Center.