

The Mack Center for Inquiry on Teaching and Learning:  
Indiana University's Multi-Campus Initiative

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: 2016-2017**  
**The Mack Center at Indiana University for Inquiry on**  
**Teaching and Learning**  
**MACK CENTER FELLOWSHIP**

The Mack Fellows' work is at the very core of the mission of Indiana University's Mack Center for Inquiry on Teaching and Learning. Each year a group of fellows is selected from the full-time faculty (tenured, holding tenurable appointments, Lecturers, Librarians with Faculty rank) of IU campuses to advance the scholarship of teaching and learning (SoTL). Each applicant must propose an ambitious yet attainable SoTL research project. Projects should be innovative, well grounded in the emerging body of knowledge about SoTL, and have a projected important effect on the home campus, IU, SoTL and/or on scholarly teaching across the academy. 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 a discussion of a potential research design is expected, no data should have been collected. Accepting proposals at this stage of research will allow the candidate to modify the research in light of the feedback provided from the selection committee as well as FACET members at the May 2016 FACET retreat. *Please note that Mack Fellows are asked to participate in our ongoing community of SoTL scholars. Opportunities for collaboration in research and publication go beyond the time table of commitments listed below.*

**See website for criteria for applications:** <https://facet.iu.edu/sotl/mack/become-fellow/application-criteria%20.html>

**Remuneration:** Mack Fellows will each receive \$2000 in research funds. Each will receive an initial \$1000 research fund upon acceptance of her or his application, receipt of a confirmation of her or his intent to participate as a Mack Fellow, and IRB approval (see calendar). An additional \$1000 will be granted upon the project's completion and submission of a paper to a peer-reviewed journal (a copy of the paper and documentation of the submission are necessary). Fellows will also be guests of FACET at both their initial and concluding FACET retreats. FACET will also make arrangements for other meetings.

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**IRB approval:** By their nature, most SoTL projects will need IRB approval. If a project is subject to IRB approval, the candidate must submit the project to his/her campus review board. IRB approval should be sought **after the first FACET retreat** so that the research design may be modified in light of suggestions from retreat participants. Please send a copy of IRB approval to the FACET offices, FACET@iu.edu, once it is attained. No funds will be released until proof of IRB approval has been received.

**CALENDAR** [Note: Fellowships will start in March, 2017 and run through May, 2018]

**October 1, 2016:** Applications from prospective fellows are due in the FACET office via e-mail to FACET@iu.edu.

**December 1, 2016:** Applications returned to applicants after a thorough review process by the existing Mack Fellows. Candidates will receive feedback and are given the opportunity to revise their applications if necessary for final submission in February.

**February 1, 2017:** Final Applications should be resubmitted to the FACET office via e-mail to FACET@iu.edu.

**February 28, 2017:** Successful applicants will be notified. Unsuccessful applicants will be given feedback and suggestions on revising their proposals for future years.

**Mid-May 2017: SoTL Camp:** New fellows will meet prior to the FACET retreat with a group of SoTL researchers to discuss the research and offer suggestions for improvement.

**Fall and Spring Semester 2017-2018:** Fellows will work on their projects and remain in electronic contact with one another on project progress.

**Spring Semester 2018:** Fellows will work to complete their projects, to prepare a final presentation at the FACET retreat, and to write their article for submission to an appropriate journal.

**Mid-May 2018:** Fellows again meet at the FACET retreat to discuss final analysis and presentation of their projects. Concluding fellows will present their work to FACET during the weekend. They will also attend SoTL camp prior to the retreat to offer feedback to the entering class of new Fellows.

**Completion of Fellowship:** Fellows will revise their manuscripts and submit them for publication to a peer-reviewed journal. Submission must be made by September 1, 2018 in order to receive the final fellowship payment.

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<https://facet.iu.edu/sotl/mack/index.html>

The Marian and P.A. Mack, Jr. Endowment is committed to the promotion of teaching excellence at IU; the Center is to become an integral part of future FACET initiatives and planning to spread the value and strong mission of teaching and learning across national and international boundaries. Individuals spearheading the Center's structural planning and fundraising efforts include P.A. Mack., the IU Foundation, and FACET.