

Call for applications: Innovation Fellows

Purpose

As part of the [Transformative Education 2.0](#) Purdue Move, and with generous financial support from the [Lilly Endowment](#), the Office of the Provost invites applications for a new fellowship program related to the Innovation Hub. The Innovation Hub is an engine and incubator for innovation in teaching and learning, supporting the Provost's goal of making Purdue the most innovative residential learning program in the US among large research universities. The Innovation Hub focuses on two priorities: scalable innovations in teaching and learning, and transdisciplinary opportunities for students.

The Purdue Innovation Fellows program will support innovative, transdisciplinary, and scalable initiatives and programs in teaching and learning. Fellows will bring their expertise to three goals: (i) support innovation teams in pursuing educational projects, (ii) provide guidance and feedback to Innovation Hub leadership, and (iii) complete a Fellows project (defined below).

Program Description

Program priorities. Approximately six (6) faculty and/or staff members from the West Lafayette campus will be chosen as Innovation Fellows, with an initial appointment period of May 1, 2023 – April 30, 2024. Fellows will work with Innovation Hub leadership to apply their expertise to innovation projects funded through the Innovation Hub. Fellows are invited from all areas of expertise, but priority focus areas are:

- Inclusive pedagogy (ex.: incorporating diverse perspectives or building inclusive learning spaces)
- Pedagogies of engagement (ex.: active or blended learning)
- Educational measurement (ex.: measuring critical thinking or other relevant constructs)
- SOTL design (ex.: designing appropriate, publishable studies to evaluate innovation effectiveness)
- Peer-mediated pedagogy (ex.: teamwork, collaboration, peer grading)
- Generative-AI informed pedagogy and curriculum design (ex.: use of ChatGPT or other tools)
- Enterprise-level technology (ex.: Brightspace implementation or Gradescope)

All faculty and staff members on the West Lafayette campus are eligible to apply. Fellows will be compensated in a way commensurate with their expected scope of Fellow project, under the following guidelines:

- Faculty: up to 10% AY salary, deposited in a discretionary account
- Staff: up to 10% time buy-out plus access to up to \$2,000 in professional development funds to be used at the Fellow's discretion

Fellow expectations. Fellows will apply their expertise as consultants on Innovation Hub funded projects to maximize each project's potential for success, and ensure its alignment with Innovation Hub goals and priorities. Fellows will also complete a Fellow project that builds the knowledge base about how to apply their expertise in practical terms, accessible by non-experts, in support of educational innovation within the Purdue residential context. The project deliverable is an object (document, video, flowchart, etc.) that provides non-experts a *framework for thinking* about the Fellow's area of expertise and expresses a set of best practices within that area of expertise.

Application Process

Candidates must submit a written application for the program composed of:

- A proposal to the Innovation Fellows program, *using the [template](#)* and including the required sections therein: a statement of interest in the Fellows program, a clear description of the applicant's relevant experience and expertise, alignment for the Fellow's expertise to Innovation Hub priorities, and a commitment to enabling the success of others.
- A brief CV highlighting the applicant's past experiences, synergistic projects, and successful research-to-practice initiatives (two page maximum).
- A statement of support from their department head or dean (a brief email is sufficient).

Successful applicants will demonstrate a deep commitment to innovation and to enabling the success of others. Submit applications as a **single PDF document** via [the online submission portal](#) by April 7, 2023.

Notes for proposers

- Refer to the [Innovation Fellows webpage](#) for important dates, including a recorded webinar and several office hours opportunities.
- All proposers are *strongly encouraged* to submit a one-page overview of their expertise and proposed Fellows project to innovation-hub@purdue.edu as an attachment. Hub leadership will gladly iterate with proposers in advance of the submission date so that their proposals can be as competitive as possible.
- The [Innovation Hub website](#) contains expanded detail about this and other Hub programs and funding opportunities.