

Providence College Interdisciplinary Faculty Seminar

Sponsored by the Office of Academic Affairs and the Center for Teaching Excellence

Description:

The Providence College Interdisciplinary Faculty Seminar (IFS) brings together up to eight faculty members from across the disciplines on campus in a collaborative teaching and learning experience each year. Participants devote an entire semester to a multidisciplinary and multidimensional study of a particular theme with the potential for additional individual or collaborative work on the theme through the subsequent academic year.

Application Process:

Any member of the Ordinary Faculty is eligible to apply. Applications are made to the Center for Teaching Excellence Advisory Group (members ineligible). In its selection process the advisory group will consider the overall makeup and representation of the disciplines in the IFS. Interdisciplinary proposals involving two or more faculty from different departments or programs are encouraged.

The theme for each IFS will be announced one year in advance of the seminar, with an application deadline that usually allows for several weeks of preparation.

Applications consist of three items and should be submitted electronically to cte@providence.edu:

- A cover sheet with contact information, a title for the proposal, and indication of availability to participate in the IFS on Tuesdays from 2:30-5:00 during the spring semester.
- An essay (approximately 5 pages) stating:
 - ✓ why this topic is of relevance and interest to the applicant.
 - ✓ the applicant's ability and interest in interdisciplinary dialogue and in-depth consideration of the topic.
 - ✓ how the applicant will contribute to the seminar from a particular perspective and discipline.
 - ✓ how participation in the seminar will enhance the applicant's teaching and scholarship.
 - ✓ potential product(s) that may result from seminar participation, such as a manuscript, presentation, DWC colloquia, linked courses, etc. (Please note that the product may change or evolve as the seminar takes place.)
- A current *curriculum vitae*.

CONTACT THE CENTER FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE AT 865-1340 OR
cte@providence.edu WITH ANY QUESTIONS.