Application Deadline Dec. 18 2015

Dear Colleagues,

USM’s Title III grant focuses on improving student learning, engagement and retention through high impact educational practices. Many faculty, staff and students already engage in these practices, and with positive results. Title III Faculty Interest Groups (FIGs) are designed to support this work.

FIG, or Faculty Interest Group, is an intentional group of people with a mutual interest in a particular aspect of teaching and learning, in particular using, adapting, or adopting high impact educational practices. FIGs are open to all instructors, full or part-time, as well as staff with a particular interest in the topic. FIGs are intended to foster scholarly teaching and research, scholarship, and creative artistry (RSCA) around effective, evidence-based teaching practices to improve student outcomes and success at USM and beyond. At USM, FIGs offer an opportunity for a collaborative approach to improving teaching as well as producing research, scholarship, and creative activity necessary for promotion and tenure.

We are seeking faculty who are interested in forming FIGs. The Faculty Coordinator(s) will receive a total of $1000 in additional compensation and may request up to $1000 in materials to support their FIG. Funds are available to support a variety of activities. Interested faculty should apply here: [FIG Application Form](#)

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