



Focus on Teaching - December 2021

As we finish fall semester and look forward to winter, CELT is excited to announce new opportunities for project- based funding and awards.

The [TRU Instructional Innovation Grant](#) is now open to faculty who are interested in experimenting with new instructional approaches and working with students as partners. Grant is valued at up to \$5000 for 1 year.



The [SoTL Scholars Grant Program](#) supports faculty in developing inquiry projects into their teaching practices. Grant is up to \$2000 per year, renewable.

We are also inviting nominations for the Faculty Excellence Award and Award for Excellence in Interculturalization. Do you know someone going above and beyond for students and colleagues? [Nominate them here!](#)

We are always happy to meet with you to discuss your ideas related to teaching and learning. Book a meeting with a CELT coordinator by using our [booking tool](#).

Wishing you all the best this holiday season and a very Happy New Year.

The CELT Team

Upcoming Events

CELTalk: The United Nations Decade of Indigenous Languages Begins in 2022

Wednesday, December 15, Noon-1 p.m., via MS Teams

Join Laura Grizzlypaws to learn why is it important to act now on behalf of Indigenous Languages

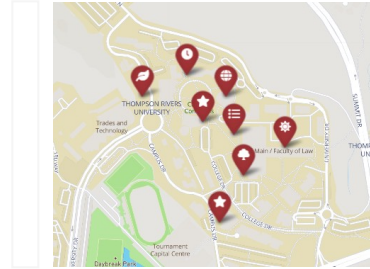
Language is intrinsic to the expression of culture. As a means of communicating values, beliefs, and customs, it has an important social function and fosters feelings of group identity and solidarity. It is how culture, traditions, and its shared values may be conveyed and preserved. Every time a language dies, so does an expression of human experience like no other.

[Register here](#)

New Faculty Orientation 2022

Thursday, January 6, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Hybrid
(register for your preferred format)

Join us for this condensed event to discover key information and make critical contacts to enable you to fulfill your instructional role. A series of expert-led sessions and stations will equip you with a repertoire of resources, supports, and services related to teaching, learning, and student success. Topics include teaching essentials, TRU culture and strategic priorities, and work/life aides for you and your students.



[Register for face-to-face](#)

[Register to join remotely](#)

Announcements

Introducing: The TRU Instructional Innovation Grant (TIIG)

Proposals are invited from University Instructors, tenure-track, and tenured faculty who are interested in enhancing and building the classroom experience by adopting or experimenting with instructional approaches that challenge, support, and encourage students.

Successful applicants may receive up to \$5,000 with 5 awards available.

Deadline: January 17, 2022

[Learn more here](#)

TRU Merit Awards for Teaching, Instructional Support, and Interculturalization

Do you know someone who has made a positive difference at TRU?



The Centre for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT) is pleased to announce nominations are now open for the Faculty Excellence Award and Award for Excellence in Interculturalization.

[Make a nomination here](#)

[Learn more about the awards here](#)

Deadline for Stage 1 nominations is December 22.

Strategic Assessment of Institutional Learning (SAIL)

Next cohort sets sail soon!

Would you like to get a sense of whether your students are achieving TRU's Institutional Learning Outcomes (ILOs) in your ILO- designated course?

ILO pods are now open for Lifelong Learning, Critical Thinking & Investigation, and Social Responsibility in Winter 2022.

Contact celt@tru.ca before January 5 to join other instructors teaching ILO- designated courses.

Peer Review of Teaching and Instructional Support

Looking for Peer Review forms?

There are many forms to choose from on the recently updated [Peer Review of Teaching and Instructional Support](#) page.

Wondering what happens after the review? There's a form for that! Check out the Post observation debrief meeting form.

Visit the [Faculty Development and Feedback](#) section of our website and scroll down to see the full list of downloadable/editable forms and templates to guide you through TRU's Senate approved peer review process.

CELTalk

Scholarly Podcasting: Knowledge Mobilization and You!

Brenna Clarke Gray

[Watch the recording](#)

CELTalk

Integrating Indigenous Knowledge Pedagogy Teaching and Learning into Curricula

Laura Grizzlypaws

[Watch the recording](#)

Professional Development

Show up and Write - Community Writing Group

Fridays, 9-11 a.m., HL 402

December schedule: Dec 3 and 10 only.

Based on the successful "Shut Up & Write" community movement, this weekly writing group provides community and, if you join in person, a quiet space to join with faculty and staff at TRU to make time to write.



[Register here](#)

New Faculty Community of Practice (Monthly)

Thursday, December 2, 1-2 p.m., TBD

If you're new(ish) to TRU and would like to connect with others to hear about topics pertinent to you, please join us for this New Faculty Community of Practice.

[Register here](#)

Instructional Skills Workshop

December 6-9, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., OL 121

Facilitated by: Carolyn Ives & Carolyn Hoessler

The Instructional Skills Workshop (ISW) is a professional development program designed for faculty members who are interested in developing and enhancing their instructional skills.



[Register here](#)

If you are enrolled in the Provincial Instructor Diploma Program (PIDP), upon completion of this course, you may apply for exemption for PIDP 3220: Delivery of Instruction.

Assessment and Evaluation of Learning

Wednesdays, January 12 to March 2, 2022, 6-8 p.m., Blended

Through a combination of synchronous and asynchronous activities, we will examine the ethical, practical, and research foundations for the assessment and evaluation of student learning in your courses.



[Register here](#)

If you are enrolled in the Provincial Instructor Diploma Program (PIDP), upon completion of this course, you may apply for exemption for PIDP 3230: Evaluation of Learning.

Capstone Course Development Series

Thursday, January 20, 1-2:30 p.m., via MS Teams

Join a guided community of practice to develop capstone courses at TRU to design activities and assessments to meet your learning outcomes for students and address general education requirements.

[Register here](#)

Learning Technology & Innovation

Learning Technology

2021 Holiday support schedule:

- Full support available to December 16
- Email only support available to December 24
- Closed December 24 - January 4



Learning Technology & Innovation (LT&I) offers regular drop in sessions and a diverse selection of informative workshops, exploring innovative approaches to using technology.

Instructors and Faculty

» [Workshops Without Walls](#)

Learning opportunities on a range of topics

» [Teaching Unbound \(Moodle Campus\)](#)

Learning Technology Office Hours

Tuesday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to noon and 2 to 4 p.m.

Email: learningtech@tru.ca

Students

» [Learning Without Walls](#)

Support for students in Moodle. (enrolment key: help)

Email: studenthelp@tru.ca

Listen/Watch/Explore

- [You Got This!](#) Podcast
- [Teaching with Video](#)
- [Teaching Unbound](#)
- [Moodle Orientation](#)
- [Mondays and Fridays](#)

Conferences

Visit our [External Conferences](#) page to get up to date information on upcoming conferences, including links and

submission deadlines.

Here's a sneak peek at what's on there right now: [[See More](#)]

Dec 9-10 Innovations in Education Conference: Partnership in Teaching and Learning - McMaster University (Online) [Conference website](#)



Mar 7-11 Open Pedagogy Talks - University of Alberta, University of Calgary, and Thompson Rivers University (Online) [Conference website](#)

May 2-4 Canadian Network for Innovation in Education 2022 Conference: Innovation Every Day: Moving Beyond COVID-19, Concordia University (Online) [Conference website](#)

May 31-Jun 3 ICED22 - Sustainable Educational Development - International Consortium for Educational Development - Danish Network for Educational Development in Higher Education (Aarhus, Denmark) [Conference website](#)

Focus on Teaching is the monthly newsletter of the Centre for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT). We showcase instructional development opportunities and resources for TRU faculty and staff, and up-to-date information on current projects, initiatives and professional development opportunities. To read past issues of Focus on Teaching or to subscribe to our mailing list, visit our [Newsletters page](#).

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To contact CELT, email celt@tru.ca and we will do our best to respond within 24 hours. Please note that our team is working remotely for the time being.

