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Focus on Teaching - January 2022

Welcome back! We hope that everyone had a chance to relax over the December break.

If you are looking at taking on a new project this term, we are happy to share that we have two grants currently open to faculty. The [TRU Instructional Innovation Grant](#) is open to faculty and teams who want to experiment with new instructional approaches.

If you are hoping to take on a SoTL project this year, consider applying to our [SoTL Scholars Grant Program](#)- it will connect you to a group of faculty researchers looking at ways of learning more about teaching and learning. We look forward to receiving your applications!

And of course, save the date and register for the 18th annual [Teaching Practices Colloquium](#) happening online on February 22. Be sure to submit a proposal to share some of the insights you have gleaned over the last year with your colleagues.

We look forward to working with you again in 2022!

The CELT Team

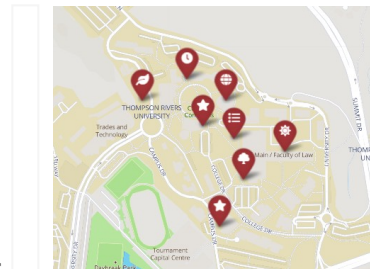
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Upcoming Events

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 short sessions and introductions will equip you with a repertoire of resources, supports, and services related to teaching, learning, and student success. Topics include teaching essentials, Indigenization at TRU, Moodle support, TRUFA, and more.



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

The Potential of Open Research in 2022

Tuesday, January 18, 9-10 a.m., via Zoom

Special Guest: [Martin Weller](#)

Professor Weller will present about his experiences with open research, co-creation in open research with the [Global Open Graduate Network \(#GO-GN\)](#), and the benefits of open research for students, practice and professional careers. He will also distinguish the characteristics and mindsets of open research versus traditional research and give feedback to a TRU undergraduate student presentation offered by students who are part of [CURN, the Canadian Undergraduate Research Network](#).

Everyone is welcome and invited to attend - students, faculty, support staff, community members from TRU and outside TRU. Questions and interactions are encouraged throughout the webinar.

[Register here](#)

Announcements

CELT's Blog: "In Progress"

New Post: [Classroom Time Management: Strategies in Response to Over/Under Planning](#)

Mahtab Nazemi, Education

CELTalk: The UN Decade of Indigenous Languages

Laura Grizzlypaws (recording)

TRU Instructional Innovation Grant (TIIG)

Deadline: January 17, 2022

Teaching Practices Colloquium 2022

CfP Deadline: January 7, 2022 Conference February 22, 2022

SoTL Scholars Grant Program

Deadline March 1, 2022

Professional Development

Assessment and Evaluation of Learning

Wednesdays, January 12 to March 2, 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](#)

Teaching Assistant Orientation

Thursday, January 20, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m., HL 269

Please help us get the word out about this Term's TA Orientation. TAs are invited to join CELT for a carefully curated session focused on the essentials that will help them meet the needs of TRU's diverse student body. We'll get them connected with details on payroll and human resources and the professional code of conduct, as well as where to find resources for intercultural learning.

Please share the following registration link with TAs in your area: <https://tru.libcal.com/event/3645606>

How to Present to Any Audience to Elicit Any Level of Interaction

Session 1 of 4 - Information Delivery

Thursday, January 27, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., via MS Teams

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Information Delivery

In this session, you'll learn about how to engage an audience of listeners as you deliver information. This strategy is useful when the content you are sharing is factual and not open-ended. You'll also have an opportunity to practice delivering a presentation that consists of information delivery. Can you keep your audience engaged even when you have to do all of the talking?

[Register through Deltek here](#)

New Faculty Community of Practice (Monthly)

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.

Email celt@tru.ca to join.

Show up and Write - Community Writing Group

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

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](#)



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Learning Technology & Innovation

Learning Technology

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](#)]

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

Mar 8-10 BCNET CONNECT: Higher Ed & Research Tech Summit (Vancouver) [Conference Website](#)

May 1-3 University of Calgary Conference on Postsecondary Learning and Teaching (Hybrid/Calgary) [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](#)

Nov 2-5 ISSOTL 2022: At the intersections of SoTL: Transfer & Transformation, Diversity & Inclusivity - Syilx Okanagan Nation (UBC's Okanagan Campus, Kelowna, BC) [Conference Website](#)

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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.

