The Center for Teaching Excellence supports Texas A&M University’s educational mission by forging partnerships to inspire and sustain faculty, student, and organizational transformation through innovative, dynamic, and inclusive learning design guided by evidence-based practices.

**Center Values**

- **Interdisciplinary Collaboration:** Working together across disciplines to reach new understandings of complex issues and potential solutions.

- **Compassionate Service:** Embodying the Aggie Core Value of selfless service -- the giving of one’s self for the greater good, without regard to personal gain or recognition -- as instructors, mentors, students, and fellow citizens.

- **Transformational Curricular Innovation:** Enhancing curriculum at both the program and the course level so that it is current, relevant, learner-centered, and high-impact.

- **Distinctive Quality:** Maintaining a high standard of excellence, consistently in all activities.

- **Celebratory Recognition:** Honoring the accomplishments and contributions of faculty of all academic ranks engaged in instruction.

- **Visionary Leadership:** Designing structures that challenge assumptions and support transformation.

**Learning Communities**

CTE Learning Communities are groups on faculty from multiple disciplines that come together on a routine basis to discuss topics related to the specific community. Longitudinal interactions on or about learning open opportunities for a more transformational change in a person’s knowledge and beliefs.

The Center has learning communities centered around Innovation and Design for Exploration and Analysis in Teaching Excellence, NASH-ACUE Scaling Instructional Excellence for Student Success, Transformative Doctoral Education Model, and Program (Re)Design to name a few.

**Institutes**

CTE Institutes provide a middle ground between longer learning communities and shorter webinars or workshops.

The Center has Institutes centered around current short-term University needs; for example, Course Design Institute, Conceptualizations of Learning, Design Thinking, and Designing for Transformative Learning.

**Academies**

CTE Academies provided a sustained yearly program that focuses on multi-tiered subject areas.

The Center has Academies centered around University initiatives, such as the Faculty Mentoring Academy. And for graduate students interested in a career in the Academe, the CTE offers the Academy for Future Faculty.

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About Us
Since 1983, the Center for Teaching Excellence has served the University, Staff, and Students by providing the most up-to-date professional development in teaching based on the science of learning.

The Center is led by a dynamic forward-thinking visionary. Dr. Debra Fowler encourages the staff to be innovative and creative as they develop new programs that align to the University initiatives and goals.

The primary staff of 2 Directors, 6 Instructional Consultants, and 2 Administration Staff is complimented with 3 Post-doctoral Researchers, 10 Doctoral Students, 6 Masters Students, and 6 Undergraduate Students.

Serving All Colleges and Schools Under the Texas A&M
The CTE provides services for all 19 flagship Colleges and Schools.

Curriculum and Change
Since 2007, the CTE has supported over 17 partial and full program (re)designs for a variety of programs, departments, and colleges.

Consultation Services
The Center offers individual consultations for instructors in a wide range of educational and design areas.

Faculty meet one-on-one with professional instructional consultants and get feedback or support on a wide variety of topics, see a few examples below:

> Universal Course Design
> Assessment and Evaluation
> Student Feedback
> Large Classes
> Today's Student
> Project-based Learning
> Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity
> Small Group Work

2020-2021
EDUCATIONAL GRANTS AND TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARDS
$198,000

Grants
The Center for Teaching Excellence collaborated with a variety of academic and service units that support faculty by providing grant funds to support hands-on student activities, faculty development in teaching and learning, as well as resources to further innovative and creative classroom initiatives.

Teaching Awards
The CTE provides monetary gifts to Scholars and Awardees for teaching excellence thanks to the Center’s generous benefactors.

More than 3000 instructors, graduate students, and academic support staff participate annually in Center programs and services.