

The Office of the SUNY Provost seeks faculty engagement to explore instructional technology tools that help facilitate feedback, assessment, and interaction in large enrollment ( $\geq 50$ ) courses. SUNY has two goals for this project:

- 1) **Better understand faculty use of tools that facilitate student interaction, assessment and feedback in their large courses; and,**
- 2) **Use outcomes of these funded explorations to help guide investment in the tools that prove suitable for teaching larger courses.**

To be eligible for the project, instructors will agree to pilot one tool in a high enrollment course during the fall 2022 or spring 2023 semester and describe data used to assess the efficacy of the tool. The project is open to all faculty including adjuncts. Participants can propose more than one course as part of the project but they will not receive additional compensation for additional courses. The course(s) must have  $\geq 50$  in a single section - one course with multiple sections that add up to  $\geq 50$  students are not eligible.

This project is being funded by the [Innovative Instruction and Technology Grant \(IITG\)](#) program. The recently appropriated 2021-2022 IITG funds will narrowly focus investigation on software tools that enable flexible instruction at scale and help inform the new [SUNY Digital Learning Environment](#). True to the spirit of the IITG program, the 2021-2022 projects will be faculty-guided efforts.

Funding includes:

- Access to a software tool of choice that assists with feedback/assessment/grading and/or interaction/engagement;
- Software tool instruction during the summer of 2022 to maximize effective use of selected tools in high enrollment courses and ensure effective reporting of key elements;
- \$1,500 per instructor stipend for time spent in summer 2022 training. **This compensation will not increase for those proposing more than one course for the project. Compensation will be divided for those co-teaching a course. IITG will award no more than 100 applicants for this project.**

Please note: those applicants who are selected to participate in the project will receive a confidential report with options for the software tools eligible for the project including details about how those tools were selected. **You may choose from the list of suggested tools, or propose another tool for consideration after you are selected to participate in the project effort.**

Instructors who participate in the project will be expected to:

- Incorporate the tool into course design and activities to fully leverage what the tool offers;
- Integrate use of this tool within their campus learning management system to the extent possible.

- Participate in pedagogical and technical training in summer 2022 coordinated by the [SUNY Center for Professional Development \(CPD\)](#). The training will be delivered online (asynchronous and synchronous) with dates to be determined based on participant availability. Participants should expect to set aside 1-2 days (10-15 hours) for training and course design; Participate in the project assessment in fall 2022 and spring 2023 (also coordinated by the CPD) to report on:
  - How the tool facilitates interaction, assessment or feedback in large enrollment courses;
  - How the tool helps students meet course learning goals;
  - Instructor satisfaction with tool (alignment with teaching goals, ease of use, likelihood of continued use);
  - Student perception of tool use (ease of use, navigability, efficacy, etc) to assess whether students took advantage of all that the tool promised.
- Participate as a panelist in at least one event (SUNY Online Summit, SUNY Conference on Instruction & Technology, CPD webinars, etc.) following completion of the study to share outcomes with other instructors.
- Consider participating in a [Lumen Circle](#) during fall 2022 or spring 2023 while you teach this course.

Complete the application form (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JLHQFGZ>) by April 25, 2022. You will be informed no later than May 6th if you are selected to participate in the project. Send questions to Chris Price, Academic Programs Manager, SUNY Center for Professional Development ([chris.price@suny.edu](mailto:chris.price@suny.edu))