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Welcome Open SUNY Fellow!


Congratulations! We are thrilled to inform you that you have been approved as an Open SUNY Fellow in the **"Expert Instructional Designer"** role.

As an **Expert Instructional Designer** you will have the opportunity to engage in course reviews, develop and lead trainings, work with faculty and share your expertise. You will also have opportunities to engage in discussions with your online teaching colleagues across the system, perhaps in discussion groups with others interested in your discipline, or in effective online practice topics that are of particular interest, and you would have opportunities to further refine your online instructional design competencies via trainings and resources provided through COTE. You may also want to pursue advanced certification in online teaching or instructional design.

The [Open SUNY Center for Online Teaching Excellence](#) (COTE) aims to connect you with resources and with the broader community in SUNY of people dedicated to excellence in online teaching and learning. Your level of engagement and commitment will be up to you depending on your role in the center, your interests, expertise, and capacity.

To begin to take advantage of the benefits of your membership in COTE:

1. Create a profile in the [COTE Community networking site](#) to begin exploring groups and to connect with your peers.
2. Review your [Open SUNY Fellowship Expectations](#).
3. Become familiar with the other roles in the [COTE Community](#).
4. Keep up to date with COTE News & Upcoming Events via the [COTEhub](#).



Membership in COTE is meant to be inclusive to give us a way to identify interested online faculty across the system and provide them with information and facilitate sharing and networking and collaboration across the system. As a new member of this community, you can help us grow the center membership. Please extend this invitation to any SUNY colleague whom you feel would be interested in joining you as a member of the new center and as an Open SUNY Fellow.

We are pleased to welcome you formally into the Open SUNY COTE community.

Warmly,
The Open SUNY COTE Team

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