

Call for Applications

The National Institute for Learning Outcomes Assessment (NILOA) invites applications to participate in a Charrette, a collaborative assignment-design process. The charrette is intended for faculty members who are designing and using assignments linked to proficiencies set forth in the Degree Qualifications Profile (DQP). You can learn more about the DQP at http://degreeprofile.org. This is an opportunity to work with others with similar interests and to contribute to an online library of high-quality, peer-endorsed assignments. For more information about the Assignment-Library Initiative, click here. To view the current version of the Library, which now contains some 40 assignments, see http://assignmentlibrary.org.

Those selected will meet on Monday, March 9, 2015 in Boulder, Colorado, for a day of work together. **Please do not apply if you are not available on March 9th.** Following this meeting, participants will fine tune their assignments based on feedback and submit them to the library in Fall 2015.

The project will pay travel and onsite costs and a \$500 honorarium when the assignment has been completed and successfully submitted and accepted into the library.

Applications are due by January 12, 2015 and should include the following:

- 1. Your name, department affiliation, and institution.
- 2. A copy of the assignment (in the form that you present it to students) that you propose to work on, along with a rubric or set of criteria used to evaluate it.
- 3. An explanatory memo about the assignment, which covers the following:
 - a. Which DQP proficiencies the assignment is intended to assess—please be as specific as possible, using language from the 2014 version of the document: http://degreeprofile.org/download-the-dqp/.
 - b. In what course the assignment is used, and at what point in the course;
 - c. Any pertinent information about the students in the course--majors vs. non majors, what they might find most challenging about the assignment, etc.;
 - d. Your experience with the assignment to date: Has it produced the results you hoped for? Are there aspects of the assignment you're especially pleased with or puzzling about?
 - e. Who else might find this assignment useful?

We are open to assignments of all types, addressing the full range of DQP proficiencies. However, we are especially eager to include assignments that address the DQP proficiencies of <u>civic and global</u> <u>learning</u> and/or <u>applied and collaborative learning</u>.

We welcome applications from both full-time and adjunct or part-time faculty and especially encourage those who work at minority-serving institutions or who teach diverse student populations to apply.

Thank you for your interest. Please contact Natasha Jankowski <u>njankow2@illinois.edu</u> or Pat Hutchings <u>hutchings@carnegiefoundation.org</u> with any questions.

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