Overview
The Office of Online Education Summer Fellows program seeks proposals from any full time faculty at UNLV interested in exploring topics related to teaching and learning in online/hybrid classes. The Summer Fellows program supports research, development, and scholarship efforts and seeks to expand the scope of digital teaching and learning resources at UNLV. In addition, the program hopes to nurture an open and collaborative digital teaching and learning research environment at UNLV.

Program Goals
By sponsoring the Summer Fellows program, the Office of Online Education will:

- Encourage the development of a UNLV digital teaching and learning community of practice;
- Support pilot research that could be used for external grant proposals, publication, and/or tenure and promotion;
- Promote the development of a UNLV digital teaching and learning research pipeline that enhances the Top Tier Initiative pathway goals of: Student Achievement; and/or Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity.

Program Details
Service as an Online Education Summer Fellow requires a commitment of full time work for the duration of a summer session including a kick-off meeting to collaborate with the Summer Fellows as a group and attendance at an additional 3-5 fellows meetings held during the subsequent fall and spring semesters. Fellows may also be asked to participate in an Office of Online Education research week event. Fellows earn the same salary provided for teaching two summer courses.

Proposals are accepted for 1 and 2 year projects. Two year projects should have a scope that requires one year for project development and data collection and a second year for data analysis and dissemination.

While all complete proposals will be considered, the following project topics are of particular interest to the Office of Online Education:

- Open educational resources;
- Faculty perceptions of online education;
- The role of online education in retention, progression, and completion.
- Canvas learning analytics

Eligibility
Applicants must be full time members of the UNLV teaching community, including faculty in residence and visiting professors. Joint proposals will be accepted with the maximum faculty of two (2).

Summer 2020 Deadline and Submission Information
All applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. November 1, 2019. Applications must be to Nicole.Hudson@unlv.edu. Fellowship recipients and all applicants will be notified regarding the status of their application no later than December 20, 2019.

Questions?
The information in this document should address most questions. However, if you have additional questions about the fellowship, call for proposals, or the proposal process, please email Nicole Hudson, Associate Director of Campus Relations at Nicole.Hudson@unlv.edu.
Call for Proposals
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The Proposal
Proposals may be up to 3 pages long (single spaced) and should include the following sections:

- An executive summary;
- Motivation for becoming an Online Education Summer Fellow;
- Description of your current research, scholarly, or creative agenda and how the proposed digital teaching and learning project aligns with that agenda;
- Overview of proposed project for fellowship that includes objectives aligned with the Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity and/or Student Achievement pathway goals of the Top Tier Initiative;
- List of deliverables expected to be completed during fellowship (i.e., reusable learning object, dashboard, conference presentation, peer-review journal article);
- Dissemination plan that articulates the reach of the deliverables (i.e., OER textbook for multiple courses);
- One-page statement of support from a supervisor (in addition to the 3-page proposal).

Please note: Incomplete proposals and proposals that exceed 3 pages will not be considered.

Selection Process
The selection process will consist of two phases:

1. **Office of Online Education internal review.**
   The Director of Online Education’s designee reviews all proposals to determine:
   - Is the application complete?
   - Does it meet the stated criteria for a research proposal?
   - Does Online Education have the capacity/resources to support the research fellow?

   Complete proposals that do not meet either the research criteria and/or the capacity/resource requirements are forwarded to the Director to determine if an exception could be made. A brief memo is attached to the proposals with approved exceptions. Any unapproved proposal is returned to the applicant for revision, if time allows.

2. **Digital Teaching and Research Fellows ad hoc committee review.**
   An ad hoc committee convened is by the Director of Online Education. All proposals that meet the above requirements or have an approved exception, will be reviewed on the following criteria:
   - Proposal as a whole (length, clarity, etc.)
   - Motivation
   - Project description and agenda
   - Project objectives and Top Tier Initiative alignment
   - Deliverables and dissemination plan
   - Feasibility of project
   - Scholarly significance

A detailed rubric can be found at www.unlv.edu/teach-online/research.

About the Office of Online Education
The mission of the Office of Online Education is to empower faculty to combine engaging teaching and learning strategies with technology, enabling students to achieve academic goals and prepare for the future. Staff in the Office of Online Education collaborate with faculty to design online and hybrid courses by pairing proven pedagogies with emerging technologies to promote successful learning outcomes for UNLV students. Online Education also develops and delivers outcomes-based training related to teaching online. Please visit us online at www.unlv.edu/teach-online