

# CTE

Centre for Teaching Excellence  
at the University of Waterloo

# IN THE LOOP

newsletter

**May 2019**

Sharing news, views, and upcoming events on teaching and learning at Waterloo



## LITE Seed Grants - deadline!

The next round of LITE Seed Grants is approaching – applications are due **June 1, 2019**. Applicants are required to meet with [Kyle Scholz](#) or [Kristin Brown](#) by **May 21, 2019** to discuss their proposal and research plan. [Learn more about the LITE Seed Grant process and how to submit an application.](#)

Join us for a workshop on [designing teaching and learning research](#) on **May 9, 2019** from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



## CTE workshops

*\*Register at [uwaterloo.gosignmeup.com](http://uwaterloo.gosignmeup.com)*

CTE6759 - Designing Teaching and Learning Research  
[Thursday, May 9, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.](#)

CTE6550 - LEARN for TAs  
[Wednesday, May 15, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.](#)  
[Thursday, May 16, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.](#)

CTE7511 - Virtual/Augmented Reality Community of Practice  
[Wednesday, May 15, 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.](#)

CTE9914 - Teaching Dossiers and Philosophy Statements  
[Thursday, May 16, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.](#)

CTE7501 - Introduction to PebblePad Part 1  
[Wednesday, May 29, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.](#)  
[Monday, June 24, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.](#)

CTE7502 - Introduction to PebblePad Part 2  
*\*Prereq: CTE7501*  
[Thursday, May 30, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.](#)  
[Tuesday, June 25, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.](#)

CTE6601 - Instructional Skills Workshop (August 2019)  
*\*Limited spots available*  
[Tuesday, August 13 to Friday, August 16](#)



## Virtual Reality/Augmented Reality Community of Practice - **NEW**

The initial meeting of the Virtual Reality/Augmented Reality (VR/AR) Community of Practice will take place in MC 2036 on **Wednesday, May 15, 2019** from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Our goal is to provide an opportunity for instructors to connect with their peers to share examples, experiences, ideas, and best practices around VR and AR in education. This initial meeting will also be an opportunity to provide input into the Community of Practice as it forms. You are welcome to bring your lunch. Coffee and tea will be provided. [Register at GoSignMeUp.](#)

If you are unable to attend but would like to receive future communications about the VR/AR Community of Practice, please [contact Lynn Long](#).



## What is effective teaching?

The Complementary Teaching Assessments Project Team (CTAPT) is pleased to share a summary of key findings from its literature review on definitions of effective teaching in a [backgrounder document](#). CTAPT has spent several months developing a literature- and evidence-based definition of teaching effectiveness and is currently consulting with campus on this definition. Check your inbox for an invitation to participate in the [CTAPT Teaching Effectiveness Survey](#).



## External teaching awards - deadline

The deadline for the [Reimagine Education](#) awards is **September 1, 2019**. Reimagine Education is a global competition rewarding innovative approaches aimed at enhancing student learning outcomes and employability. The Centre for Teaching Excellence offers support and guidance for those interested in applying for teaching awards. Contact [Alisa Sivak](#) for more information.



## For new faculty

These workshops are open to all faculty but will be of special interest to those who are tenure-track, limited term, and adjunct:

CTE9914 - [Teaching Dossiers and Philosophy Statements](#)  
[Thursday, May 16, 2019, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.](#)

CTE6601 - [Instructional Skills Workshop \(May 2019\)](#)  
[Thursday, May 9; Friday, May 10 and Monday, May 13, 2019](#)

CTE6601 - [Instructional Skills Workshop \(August 2019\)](#)  
[Tuesday, August 13 to Friday, August 16, 2019](#)

New Faculty Teaching Days **SAVE THE DATE**  
[Wednesday, August 7 to Friday August 9, 2019](#)

[Contact Monica Vesely](#) for more information.



We recently added eight new teaching tips to our online resources, all focused on [inclusive instructional practices](#):

[What is Universal Design?](#)  
[Supporting Students' Mental Wellbeing: Course Design](#)  
[Supporting Students' Mental Wellbeing: Instructional Strategies](#)  
[Why is Inclusive Instruction Important?](#)  
[Universal Design: Instructional Strategies](#)  
[Universal Design: Course Design](#)  
[Gender Pronouns and Teaching](#)  
[Removing Barriers: Accessibility and Accommodation](#)



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The Centre for Teaching Excellence acknowledges that we are located on the traditional territory of the Attawandaron (Neutral), Anishinaabeg and Haudenosaunee peoples. The University of Waterloo is situated on the Haldimand Tract, the land promised to the Six Nations that includes ten kilometers on each side of the Grand River.

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