2024 Mosaic Faculty Fellows Program

Call for Applications

The Mosaic Faculty Fellows program is a key component of the Mosaic Initiative, Indiana University’s Active Learning Initiative. The program provides an opportunity across two semesters for faculty to explore active learning approaches, reflect on how they work and change in different learning environments, and to contribute to the development of learning environments across Indiana University.

This year, the Mosaic Faculty Fellows Program will support three groups of Fellows focused on three different topics. The options include exploring active learning in:

1. Hybrid Learning Environments
2. Online Learning Environments
3. Inclusive and Accessible Learning Environments

The 2024 IU Mosaic Faculty Fellows will begin their tenure at the Mosaic Institute to be held online on two Fridays (attend only one according to your schedule): January 12 and January 19. The program will conclude at the end of the Fall 2024 semester.

## Program Goals

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| * *Prepare faculty members to engage in active learning approaches in a variety of learning environments.* * *Build a community of faculty members who collaborate to advance their own teaching and to mentor other colleagues in exploring or refining their pedagogical approaches.* * *Promote evidence-based teaching by encouraging instructors to study the impacts of learning environments on teaching and student learning.* * *Create faculty leaders who work together and with other stakeholders to guide the development of new learning environments across the university.* |

## Program Benefits

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| * *A $1,000 stipend paid into a research account for conference travel, research support, and other fellowship-related needs.* * *Personalized support from Mosaic staff, Classroom Technology Services, IU Learning Spaces, Online Learning, Learning Technologies, and other units as needed.* * *Access to colleagues exploring similar instructional approaches and/or projects.* |

## Program Responsibilities

Each Mosaic Faculty Fellow will be required to:

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| * *Fully participate in the Mosaic Institute, a half day introduction to exploring active learning in any active learning environment.* * *Meet regularly with other Mosaic Fellows to collaborate/provide feedback on teaching, research projects, and recommendations for learning environments.* * *Assist with the dissemination of best practices for teaching in all IU learning environments.* |

## Application Criteria

Faculty interested in applying to the program must meet the following requirements:

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| * *Be a full-time faculty member (tenure or non-tenure track),* * *Be able to participate in the half-day Mosaic Institute (January 12 OR January 19, 2024),* * *Be able to participate in scheduled meetings and associated events throughout the duration of the program* |

## Important Dates

Deadline for applications: December 8, 2023

Applicants are notified: December 15, 2022

Mosaic Institute: January 12 or 19, 2022

# DIRECTIONS

Submit the following application materials to **mosaic@iu.edu**.

* The completed 3-part application (below)
* A Curriculum Vitae
* A letter of support from a department chair, unit head, or dean

An effective letter of support will address your commitment to teaching, your efforts to engage in active learning, and the potential impact your experience in the program might have for your department and/or school, your campus, your field, and a broader audience.

## Due Date

December 8, 2023, by 5:00 pm EDT

## Part I | Contact Information

* Name:
* Title:
* Department/School:
* Email:

## Part II | Choose Program

Indicate which program you wish to join (circle or check the box). If you wish to apply to more than one, please indicate order of desired choice (place a number by your choice). There is no penalty to applying to more than one, but only one program can be joined for the year.

* **Active Learning in Hybrid Learning Environments:** In this program, faculty will explore how to engage active learning approaches on a Hybrid or multi-modality learning environments. Faculty will also experience different Hybrid learning environments across Indiana University (choosing to participate in the modality that best fits their needs). Faculty Fellows will use their new expertise to contribute to the development of learning environments across Indiana University.
* **Active Learning in Online Learning Environments:** In this program, we will explore, model, and evaluate strategies for active learning in online environments. Sessions will include presentations and facilitated activities using a variety of tools in supported online learning environments. We will collaborate with many IU stakeholders, but a large part of the experience will include the ideas you bring to the table to explore with your IU colleagues.
* **Active Learning in Inclusive and Accessible Learning Environments**: In this cohort, you will learn how to design, develop, and implement active learning environments and activities that can accommodate diverse backgrounds, abilities, and needs.  You'll gain experience using various techniques that will promote a sense of belonging, encourage participation, and create a relationship of trust between the students, their peers, and you.

## Part II | Interest Questions

Please answer the following questions (you may answer in line or in a separate document):

1. In courses you have taught in the past, how have you engaged your students in active learning approaches?
2. How have the characteristics of the learning environments in which you taught (physical, digital, virtual) influenced your pedagogical approach?
3. What do you hope to achieve as a Mosaic Fellow?

## Part III | Availability Consideration

Should your application be selected, full participation is required at all Mosaic Fellows Sessions. These sessions will occur during the 2024 calendar year.

The list of meeting dates and times will be provided for your review at time of acceptance. To help better facilitate the scheduling of these meetings, are you regularly available on:

* Thursday **A.M.**
* Thursday **P.M.**
* Friday **A.M.**
* Friday **P.M.**

Please keep your regular commitments in mind: time in class, standing meetings, department commitments, etc. Please also indicate below any Thursdays or Fridays you know you will be away during the **SPRING 2024** semester and **FALL 2024** semester (conferences, personal appointments, etc.).

**ANTICIPATED ABSENCES:**

**January 2024**

**February 2024**

**March 2024**

**April 2024**

**May 2024**

**September 2024**

**October 2024**

**November 2024**

**December 2024**

**Note:** Campus holidays and breaks will always be avoided (winter break, spring break, etc.).