2019 Summer Graduate Pedagogy Mentors
Call for Applications

Program Overview

The Center for Innovations in Teaching and Learning (CITL) invites applications to the 2019 Summer Graduate Pedagogy Mentors program, which provides an enhanced teaching support network for graduate students teaching summer courses as Graduate Student Instructors (GSIs). While faculty members remain the primary supervisors of summer GSIs, Summer Mentors provide an additional resource for teaching support through a peer-centered teaching and learning community model.

Each Summer Graduate Pedagogy Mentor supports a group of approximately 10 GSIs in related fields of study, offering weekly teaching community meetings, the opportunity for class observations, and individual consultations to discuss GSI teaching goals related to assignment design, grading and assessment, facilitating active learning, and ensuring an inclusive learning environment.

Each mentor will receive a fellowship of $1,500 per Summer Session in which they serve as a mentor. All mentors participate in mentorship preparation workshops and receive the ongoing support of CITL staff throughout the summer sessions.

Mentor Commitments

Summer Graduate Pedagogy Mentors commit to the following:

- A mentor preparation workshop in Spring 2019
- A “meet your mentors” event for both mentors and mentees in Spring 2019
- Initiating and maintaining ongoing communication with mentees before and during the Summer Session in which they are mentoring
- Ongoing meetings with mentees during the Summer Session in which they are mentoring
- Providing teaching resources, support, and encouragement to their group of Summer GSIs
- Two mentor meetings with CITL staff during the Summer Session in which they are mentoring

New in Spring 2019, CITL will offer course design workshops to support all Summer GSIs in planning effective summer courses. Mentors are welcome to attend these workshops to refine their understanding of approaches to course design, and may be asked to participate in some way in order to build community and connection with the GSIs during the course planning and refinement stages.
How to Apply

To apply to the Summer Graduate Pedagogy Mentors program, please submit the following materials to citl@ucsc.edu by the end of the day on Friday, February 15:

☐ A 1-page statement of interest that includes:
  o Why you’d like to be a mentor to Summer GSIs
  o A brief overview of your teaching experience, including whether you have taught a course(s) in the summer at UC Santa Cruz
  o Your mentorship experience, whether formal or informal
  o Your experience with pedagogical professional development, such as the following offerings at CITL (or an equivalent offering): the Graduate Pedagogy Fellows program, the ACUE Course in Effective Teaching Practices, last year’s Summer Graduate Pedagogy Mentors program, etc.
  o Your Summer 2019 availability (e.g. Summer Session 1, Summer Session 2, or both). Summer Session dates are available at the Summer Session website: https://summer.ucsc.edu/studentlife/index.html

☐ An up-to-date CV

CITL will notify applicants of their acceptance by Monday, February 25.