

Faculty Fellow for Active Learning
Stearns Center, George Mason University

Application Due: December 11, 2018

Position Dates: January 2019-May 2020

The Stearns Center for Teaching and Learning is searching for a full-time STEM faculty member to serve as a **Faculty Fellow for Active Learning**. The faculty fellow will support an NSF-funded effort to develop a culture of active learning in Mason STEM departments through course-focused faculty learning communities. The fellow will work closely with the Director for Teaching Excellence at the Stearns Center and with the project research team (co-led by Jill Nelson, VSE).

Specific responsibilities:

- Develop programming to introduce STEM faculty to best practices and current research results in active and inquiry-based learning;
- Lead a cross-disciplinary faculty learning community to provide guidance, feedback, resources, and ongoing peer collaboration and learning to participating faculty, as well as to help develop relationships across departments;
- With the Stearns Center, STEM Accelerator, and Office of Undergraduate Education, facilitate a bi-weekly seminar on active and inquiry-based learning for participating graduate teaching assistants; and
- With the Stearns Center and the Office of Undergraduate Education, design and conceptualize tools for assessing the impact of project efforts.

Preferred qualifications:

- Expertise in the scholarship of teaching and learning in university-level STEM, with particular emphasis on active and student-centered practices; and
- An understanding of and value for professional development and an interest in working with others to improve STEM teaching and learning.

Successful applicants will have strong interpersonal and communication skills; a collaborative mindset and willingness to listen; strong leadership and organizational skills; and the ability to simultaneously see the big picture and track small details.

This position will begin as early as the spring 2019 semester and continue through the 2019-2020 academic year, with the possibility of renewal for a second year. The position carries a \$2500 stipend per semester, plus one-course release time per year (as arranged with the local academic unit). In addition, there is an opportunity for the faculty fellow to collaborate and publish with the research team on the project efforts.

Please send a current vita, letter of interest, and the names of three Mason references who can speak to your experiences and fit for this position by **Tuesday, December 11, 2018**, to stearns@gmu.edu with the subject heading **Faculty Fellow: Active Learning**. If you have questions about the position or the associated NSF project, please email stearns@gmu.edu.