

**The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL): Call for Proposals to IISSAM 2012 in Los Angeles, CA,
May 31 – June 3, 2012**

The International Institute for SoTL Scholars and Mentors (IISSAM), a special faculty development opportunity in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL), will be hosted at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles on May 31 – June 3, 2012. Through a blind peer review process, 28 scholars will be selected to have their SoTL projects mentored at IISSAM. One hundred additional participants will register to attend SoTL workshops and engage in thought-provoking discussions and stimulating presentations. The Institute's theme, "The Ecology of Teaching and Learning," welcomes explorations of teaching/learning practices and environments that address global, community, or classroom environments. On May 31, two pre-institute workshops introduce faculty new to SoTL to SoTL practices and vocabulary and assist administrators and faculty developers to examine a variety of models for supporting and valuing SoTL.

Individuals or teams may propose a project to be mentored or may attend IISSAM 2012 as active participants. The Call for Project Proposals follows. Visit the IISSAM website (<http://www.iissam.org>) for the latest details about the submission process.

Call for Proposals for IISSAM 2012 & The Ecology of Teaching and Learning

IISSAM Seeks Proposals That:

- Pose questions in any post-secondary discipline or field in which the scholar teaches.
- Come from individual scholars or teams of scholars.
- Frame a well-defined question about teaching and learning of importance to others.
- Acknowledge the need for systematic investigation and methodology.
- Represent genuine work-in-progress that can benefit from mentoring.
- Engage the Institute's theme or another SoTL question.

IISSAM seeks genuine work-in-progress that would benefit from mentoring. Ideally, applicants will have a well-defined question to investigate, have some idea of approaches others have taken to investigate similar or related questions, and have carefully thought about how to approach the question.

The application and selection process is based on a 750-1250 word essay that addresses the following questions:

1. What is the central question you plan to explore in your proposed work?
2. Why is your central question important to you and to others who might benefit from or build on your findings?
3. How do you plan to conduct your investigation? What sources of evidence do you plan to examine? What methods will you employ to gather and make sense of this evidence?
4. How do you plan to make your work available to others in ways that facilitate scholarly critique and review, and that contribute to thought and practice beyond the local?
5. What aspects of the design and character of this work are not yet fully developed? What questions do you have and what do you still need to know?

DEADLINE: Proposals must be received by January 30, 2012

NOTIFICATIONS: Anticipated by March 16, 2012.

FOR SUBMISSION DETAILS: See <http://www.iissam.org>

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