INVITATION

Faculty Seminar in Writing, Teaching, and Learning Across the Curriculum

The Department of English and the Teaching Academy invite applications for an intensive four-day seminar from May 14 – 17, 2012. The purpose of the seminar is to investigate the effective use of writing in teaching.

Participation in the seminar does not require special preparation or proficiency in writing. An interest in helping students learn to write and write to learn is the main prerequisite.

New Mexico State University will provide $200.00 honoraria for seminar participants who are not on twelve-month contracts.

Seminar Objectives
The seminar has three primary goals:

- improving student learning through writing;
- improving teaching by training diverse faculty in the writing process and the instructional uses of writing; and
- extending a network of informed instructors to address issues regarding student literacy across the university.

Seminar Topics
The seminar will include discussions of a number of topics including

- exploring the writing process to establish relationships between writing and learning;
- defining “good” writing and developing strategies to encourage students to produce good writing;
- using writing in teaching, especially the use of informal writing to promote learning and reinforce classroom instruction;
- assigning writing in large classes without creating an unreasonable paper-grading burden;
- designing effective writing assignments; and
- responding to and evaluating student writing.
Time and Place
The seminar will meet Monday, May 14, through Thursday, May 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day. We will meet in Clara Belle Williams Hall 127.

Eligibility
Tenured, tenure-track, college faculty with continuing appointments, and administrators who include teaching among their responsibilities are eligible. Fifteen seats are available, and they will be awarded to assure representation in a variety of academic ranks and disciplines. An application form will serve as a preliminary screening device. Decisions will be announced in early May.

If you are interested in participating in this summer’s seminar, please complete the enclosed application form and return it to Patti Wojahn, MSC 3E, Department of English, or via email at pwojahn@nmsu.edu. Deadline for applications is April 20, 2012.

If you have any questions or need more information, call Patti at 646-2239.

Thank you for your interest.