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The Office of Diversity’s Inclusive Classroom Initiative (ICI) lives at the intersection of three key institutional priorities at UIC: diversity, equity, and inclusion; student success; and teaching excellence. The initiative is based on the understanding that effective, high-quality teachers understand both the academic discipline—what they are teaching—as well as the students that they teach—who they are teaching. They also, importantly, take pedagogy seriously—how they are teaching. The focus for many faculty members is often, however, solely on their course content leaving the relationship between content, student identity and experience, and pedagogical practice underexplored. At the same time, UIC classrooms are becoming increasingly diverse and faculty need support in finding innovative ways to teach in diverse classrooms in order to provide opportunities for all students to succeed.

The Inclusive Classroom Initiative is designed to assist faculty in cultivating genuinely inclusive and equitable classroom environments through a series of modules focused on a number of important and timely topic areas. In progress and proposed topics include, for example, international students, students with disabilities, promoting student wellbeing, and managing difficult conversations. Each module will be created through a partnership between a Faculty Fellow, who is a content expert in their field, and the ICI design team, comprised of staff from the Office of Diversity and the Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs.

Each module will contain the following components:

- A two-hour, in-person workshop that is interactive in nature and addresses the following three goals:
  1. Building empathy;
  2. Creating relevance to UIC and UIC students;
  3. Exploring concrete strategies faculty can utilize in the classroom.
- A series of online components including short videos, assessments, discussion boards, and other material relevant to the topic.
- A resource toolkit for faculty containing source materials, guides, videos, and other relevant information to support continued learning on the topic.

If you have questions about the Inclusive Classroom Initiative or the Faculty Fellows application process, please email Michelle Manno at mmanno2@uic.edu.

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