INVITATION

You are cordially invited to join a hands-on workshop designed to explore the many elements of LEAP. Campus representatives will be on hand to discuss LEAP and facilitate larger conversations about what it can mean at UW-Whitewater. Help us define a LEAP vision. All campus employees and students are eligible to apply.

TEAMS

We invite campus faculty, staff, students and administrators to form teams to explore LEAP and develop ways to use LEAP concepts in your areas. Each LEAP team will develop a short-term (spring semester) and long-term (academic year 2016-17) plan for using LEAP. Each team must include at least three and no more than five people and must include at least one student and one campus faculty member or other employee.

If you are new to LEAP, this workshop series is a great place to learn. If you participated once in a previous year, you are eligible to apply for this 2016 workshop series if you lead or join a new team. If you already participated on two or more LEAP teams, please contact Greg Cook to learn about other ways to advance our campus LEAP work.

If you are an individual looking to join a team, we can help you find teammates: please contact Greg Cook at cookg@uww.edu.

QUESTIONS

If you are new to campus or haven’t yet participated on a LEAP team, you may be wondering: What does LEAP mean? Where did it come from? How can we really use LEAP to benefit students? How can I help?

LEAP 2016

Collaborating for Student Success

Learn about LEAP. Collaborate with colleagues. Create action plans. Earn a stipend for faculty, staff or student development.

Liberal Education and America’s Promise (LEAP) is one of the most invigorating programs for institutional change that we’ve seen in higher education in decades. UW-Whitewater is on the forefront for LEAP, and our campus is actively using LEAP to enhance teaching, learning, and student engagement across campus.

...LEAP challenges the traditional practice of providing liberal education to some students and narrow training to others. LEAP engages the public with core questions about what really matters in college; connects employers and educational leaders as they make the case for the importance of liberal education in the global economy and in our diverse democracy; and helps all students achieve the essential learning outcomes. Through LEAP, AAC&U calls on the United States to ‘make excellence inclusive’ so that all students receive the best and most powerful preparation for work, life and citizenship.

- http://aacc.org/leap/

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WORKSHOP SCHEDULE
Teams accepted for participation will:

• Meet for two days in January to explore LEAP, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. both days. Your team can select either January 5-6 or January 12-13. Your whole team needs to meet together on the two days you select. Team time will be available to develop concrete action plans.

• Submit a team action plan two weeks later, and implement the plan.

• Attend a share-and-review session during the spring 2016 semester and again during the spring 2017 semester (both to be scheduled later).

Note: In prior years teams also participated in May workshops, but these have been discontinued due to budget cuts.

STIPENDS
Eligible participants will receive stipends (per person) of $200 upon completion of the January workshop and approval of the team action plan. Active participants receive an additional $200 after completion of the spring 2017 review session and approval of team progress.

TO APPLY
Form a team with 3 to 5 members. Each team must have at least one student and at least one faculty member or campus employee.

Send an email by December 7 to Greg Cook (cookg@uww.edu) with the following information (one email per team):

• A list of your team’s participants, with email addresses and each person’s department, unit or office.

• For each student, include the student’s anticipated graduation date (e.g., May 2017). We prefer that students remain active on the team through May 2017.

• Indicate the dates in January that your team can meet (whole team together): either January 5-6 or 12-13.

• Provide a one-paragraph description of your team’s main motivation and/or goal for participating in the 2016 LEAP workshop.

Seats are limited for this workshop series. Acceptance will be subject to space availability, budget and our desire to have representation from a variety of departments and units across campus. A firm commitment to the entire workshop program is necessary in order to receive stipends.

FACILITATORS
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With help from prior members of campus LEAP teams
112 LEAP teams with more than 550 members have participated so far. Now it’s your turn!

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