

Faculty and Staff Professional Development Program

The Talloires Network is pleased to announce the Faculty and Staff Professional Development Program (FSPD) funded by the Pearson Foundation, which will be administered by Innovations in Civic Participation on behalf of the Talloires Network. Over the next two years, the FSPD aims to build institutional leadership in the higher education community around civic engagement. Additionally, the overall emphasis of this initiative is to enable professional development to continue after the two-year period, supported by Talloires Network member universities.

There are two different areas of focus of the FSPD, depending on the participant's function within his/her home university. Leadership of engagement and change, engagement as scholarship, evidence base for the beneficial impacts and effects of civic engagement and developing key performance measures for engagement will be the issues addressed. For faculty and staff however, the focus will be on engagement as scholarly work, working with communities, engagement as student learning and development, effective models for organizing and sustaining community engagement activities, assessing student learning and development through engagement and engaged research methods.

The program will combine educational content with mentorship, feedback, and online mechanisms for collaboration that enriches learning and improves practice. Regional meetings, an on-line clearinghouse of research and articles, webinar modules, and a speakers' bureau will enable participants to learning in partnership with others and online.

The Talloires Network and ICP would appreciate input and suggestions regarding:

- Topics for webinars to be organized over the next 18 months
- Professional development resources and curricula (in any language) that will be made available on the program pages on the Talloires Network web site
- Individuals who might be included in the Speakers Bureau
- Individuals who could potentially deliver future trainings
- Regional or international conferences that are planned in the next 18 months and might provide venues for professional development workshops

Send these suggestions to Susan Stroud at ICP (sstroud@icicp.org) with a copy to the Talloires Network Secretariat (talloiresnetwork@tufts.edu).

Visit the FSPD page on our website:

<http://talloiresnetwork.tufts.edu/programs/fspd> to learn more about the program and how you can become involved.