

## **Call for Digital Teaching Champions**

The success of our Blackboard Ultra transition and broader student success initiatives depends on faculty leadership that bridges disciplinary expertise with digital innovation. Champions will guide implementation across five key areas that directly impact student learning:

### **Strategic Communication and Vision**

Your disciplinary expertise and teaching experience are essential in developing clear pathways that connect students with learning resources and support systems. Champions in this area will help establish effective communication channels that support student achievement while preserving the unique character of their disciplines.

- Lead faculty communities of practice around effective digital teaching
- Create discipline-specific guides for student engagement
- Develop models for clear course communication

### **Digital Teaching Excellence**

The DigCompEdu framework provides structure for enhancing your existing teaching practices with digital tools that improve student learning outcomes. Champions will demonstrate how technological innovation can amplify faculty expertise to create more equitable and effective learning experiences.

- Showcase your successful integration of disciplinary content with digital tools to the FHSU community
- Design innovative approaches to online student collaboration
- Mentor colleagues in effective use of Ultra features

### **Course Design Implementation**

Ultra's streamlined interface enables you to focus on sharing your disciplinary expertise while maintaining academic rigor. Champions will create model courses that demonstrate how intentional design supports student achievement while preserving faculty creativity and academic freedom.

- Create model Ultra courses that maintain disciplinary rigor
- Develop program/course templates that support clear learning pathways
- Demonstrate effective integration of engaging multimedia content

### **Virtual Engagement Network Development**

Building on successful models in programs like Teacher Education, champions will expand discipline-specific learning communities that support student persistence. These environments will foster meaningful connections between faculty expertise and student development.

- Build program-specific student support networks

- Design virtual spaces for academic discourse
- Foster peer mentoring opportunities

### **Data-Informed Teaching Strategies**

Ultra's integrated analytics provide tools for supporting student success through early intervention and course refinement. Champions will lead implementation of these tools to enhance student outcomes while respecting faculty judgment and disciplinary knowledge.

- Model effective use of learning analytics
- Design early intervention strategies
- Create frameworks for continuous course improvement

## **Support and Recognition**

Selected Champions will receive:

- \$1000 incentive upon successful project completion (based on final review process)
- Dedicated TILT support and resources throughout the project
- Professional development opportunities
- Recognition as digital teaching leaders

## **Application Process**

We seek Champions from all faculty at FHSU who are passionate about combining their teaching expertise with digital innovation to improve student success.

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis. While we welcome all innovative proposals, we will initially select up to five Champions to ensure robust TILT support for each project. Strong proposals that aren't selected for immediate implementation may be considered for future cohorts. Selection is competitive and based on potential impact on student success.

TILT provides comprehensive support for Champions, including:

- Individual consultations for project development
- Technical support for implementing innovations
- Resources for measuring impact on student success
- Opportunities to share outcomes with colleagues

Ready to lead digital teaching innovation at FHSU? Submit your application through our online form: <https://forms.gle/eQberzVFD9BDGY9y6> . Proposals undergo initial review by TILT staff and a subject matter expert, with final approval from the Provost.

The application asks you to:

1. Select your preferred focus area from the five listed above
2. Describe how your expertise would contribute to student success
3. Outline one specific initiative you would implement to improve student outcomes

Join us in ensuring every FHSU student benefits from the powerful combination of faculty expertise and effective digital teaching practices.

For questions about the Champions program or application process, please contact TILT at [tigerlearn@fhsu.edu](mailto:tigerlearn@fhsu.edu). Please make sure to include 'Call for Champions' in the subject line.