I am pleased to inform you of a call for proposals for Faculty Chairs in Teaching and Learning (CTL). The CTL program at Memorial University of Newfoundland is intended to enhance the student learning experience by promoting the development of innovative pedagogical approaches, teaching capacity and competence across the university, within academic and support units, and at the level of individual faculty members. Under the provisions of the strategic plan for the Teaching and Learning Framework, each Faculty/School is able to appoint a CTL.

Base-budget funding of $15,000 will be provided to faculties who participate in the program. CTLs will receive an annual stipend of $7,500 plus $7,500 to support professional development activities associated with the CTL. CTLs may also be provided with one course release as appropriate to the activities undertaken and subject to the approval of the Dean of the Chair holder’s academic unit. The term for a CTL will be for a two-year period, July 1 to June 30, renewable once.

Full details of the CTL program are contained in the Terms of Reference (attached). A Comprehensive Framework for Teaching and Learning at Memorial (attached) and the Teaching and Learning Strategic Plan (attached) will also provide insight on potential activities and initiatives that can be undertaken by the CTLs.

Proposals to the CTL program are to be submitted electronically to the Office of the Dean in the respective Faculties and Schools no later than February 15, 2015. Faculty Chair in Teaching and Learning appointments will be announced by the Office of the Provost in March 2015.

As a support to individuals developing submissions for a CTL, DELTS will be offering two information sessions in January. These sessions will highlight key aspects of the Teaching and Learning Framework, the priorities of the Teaching and Learning Strategic Plan, lessons learned to date from TL initiatives at MUN, innovations in teaching and learning occurring in post-secondary education, templates for development of TL program proposals and potential sources of funding for TL innovation. These sessions will also introduce applicants to the range of supports which will be provided to CTLs through DELTS and the Teaching and Learning Coordinator.

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Documents attached:
1. Terms of Reference for Chairs in Teaching and Learning
2. A Comprehensive Framework for Teaching and Learning at Memorial University