

2021-22 ACUE Application FAQs

1. What instructors can apply? Are Post-doctoral fellows, contract instructors eligible to participate?

Faculty must hold continuing appointments to be eligible for nomination *by their Unit Heads* to the course. Faculty who are pre-tenure or pre-continuing status are welcome to apply.

2. Do instructors have to be teaching at the time of taking the course?

Faculty who will be actively teaching in the Fall 2021 and/or Winter 2022 term will be prioritized in the application adjudication process. The ACUE course is designed so that participants learn, implement, reflect upon, and refine their use of evidence-based teaching techniques and approaches as they work through the modules.

Instructors who will *not be teaching* at the time of the course, but who would still like to enroll can request their Unit head submit an application on their behalf and it will be adjudicated against the final pool of applicants.

3. Is the instructor's Department or Unit expected to contribute to the \$800 cost of participating in the program?

The structure of the program was developed such that Units show their support for their participating faculty by contributing the \$800 which partially covers the cost of the course.

4. Are instructors who have already participated in an ACUE course eligible to reapply to take part in the course again?

To date, there is sufficient overlap between the ACUE courses and participating again is not recommended. Priority for enrollment is given those who have not participated in the course.

5. Will the ACUE course be offered again next year?

The University of Toronto's partnership with ACUE includes a plan to continue to be able to offer opportunities for instructors to earn the Certificate in Effective University Instruction, and we are quite confident that instructors will have the opportunity to participate in another cohort in 2022-23.

6. How long will participants have access to ACUE course resources?

Course takers will have access to all ACUE modules and resources for at least 3 years.



7. Who should submit the nomination if an instructor is cross appointed to two departments?

Instructors should request that both unit heads submit a separate nomination, which will be combined during the adjudication process.

8. What is the time commitment for the ACUE course?

Faculty must commit 2-3 hours per week for module work on this professional development opportunity. There are week-long breaks embedded in the course.

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