



The Teaching Academy of the Consortium of West Region Colleges of Veterinary Medicine

Call for Fellowship Applications

October 30, 2020

Dear Applicant for the *Teaching Academy of the Consortium of West Region Colleges of Veterinary Medicine*:

Congratulations on applying for a 4-year fellowship in the **Teaching Academy of the Consortium of West Region Colleges of Veterinary Medicine (RTA)**. The **RTA** was established in 2011 with a mission of serving as a working group for the benefit of educators through a collaborative effort of the Deans of Veterinary Medicine Programs and Schools from Colorado State University, MidWestern University, Oregon State University, University of California – Davis, Washington State University, and Western University of Health Sciences. This has expanded to the current mission of

"to meet the needs of society and the profession by ensuring members of the consortium collaborate to develop, implement, and sustain the best practices in veterinary medical and biomedical education in our colleges, and to establish veterinary medical educator/biomedical educator as a valued career track."

Membership in the **RTA** begins with a 4-year fellowship (the RTA refers to its members as fellows) then, upon initial acceptance and participation in local and regional teaching academy initiatives and programs, is renewable as a 4-year fellowship thereafter. For more information on the **RTA**, please visit: [RTA webpage](#) and/or speak to your local and RTA fellows.

The Fellowship Application Process includes the submission of the following (in 1 portable document format (PDF) file):

- 1- **Cover Sheet**. Please include the attached cover sheet and checklist as the first page in your application submission.
- 2- **Nomination statement or Letter of Support** from an active fellow of the academy or the corresponding College of Veterinary Medicine Dean (less than 500 words)
- 3- Applicant's **Personal Statement**. Your personal statement should clearly and succinctly (approximately 2-pages) include the following:
 - An explanation of why you are interested in joining the **RTA**.
 - A description and/or explanation of your participation in your University's local teaching academy activities clearly describing your role along with any additional information explaining the extent of your participation, commitment, willingness and ability to engage in the RTA's mission.
 - A description of one or more topics, projects, or types of activities which you would be interested in working on with other fellows of the Teaching Academy (e. g. organizing meeting workshops, collaborative research projects, development of Teaching Academy white papers, mentoring less experienced educators, development of shared educational resources).

- Indicate a minimum of **2 Areas of Interests**. Fellows of the **RTA** are active in promoting, organizing, researching, designing, and implementing various programs and initiatives to support the Teaching Academy's mission. The current programs and initiatives consist of *teaching effectiveness, innovation in teaching, development of enduring educational materials, effective and creative uses of evidence based teaching methods, educational scholarship/research, and/or other areas*. Your Personal Statement should clearly indicate a minimum of 2 of these areas in which you have interests and explain any "other areas" in which you would like to develop and participate.

4- An abbreviated **Teaching Vitae**

(maximum four pages) focused on your teaching and educational accomplishments, along with the basic educational and informational background. To assist in the preparation of your abbreviated Teaching Vitae, please follow the [Educator's CV](#) Guide as it will provide suggestions of how to modify and/or adapt your current Teaching Vitae according to your University's requirements.

The **Teaching Academy of the Consortium of West Region Colleges of Veterinary Medicine** looks forward to reviewing your Fellowship Application. Your completed application is due to your Membership Committee Representative by December 1, 2020. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your school's Membership Committee Representative listed below.

Sincerely,

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2021 Fellowship Application Cover Page

Institution: _____

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Applicant: Last, First Name	Signature	Date

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Dean: Last, First Name	Signature	Date

Order of Application and Checklist:

1. This Cover Sheet Completed
2. **Nomination statement**
3. Applicant's **Personal Statement**. Please indicate below the areas of emphasis included in your personal statement.
 1. Teaching effectiveness
 2. Innovation in teaching
 3. Development of enduring educational materials
 4. Effective and creative uses of evidence based teaching methods
 5. Educational scholarship/research
 6. Educational leadership
 7. Other: _____
4. Abbreviated Teaching Vitae