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TO: University of Idaho Faculty and Staff

FROM: Jeanne Stevenson, Vice Provost for Faculty

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SUBJECT: Announcing the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning

The University of Idaho is pleased to announce the launch of the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL). This center, which will open this fall in Room 220 in the College of Education Building, offers a centralized location for faculty and instructors to explore new technology, build their existing skills and collaborate with other instructors.

The goal of the CETL is to offer a centralized location for expertise in course creation and refinement and instructor development. As part of the center, two instructional designers currently working in [Distance and Extended Education](#) will support faculty developing and refining courses for classroom and online delivery, assist with strategies for classroom interactions and learning activities,

and provide individualized professional development. Blackboard support will continue to be provided through CETL.

The Doceo Center will also support the CETL, with the two entities sharing technology experts to offer training and resources. In addition, the center's resources are free and open to all instructors at UI, including graduate students who serve as teaching and research assistants.

The CETL will offer workshops, scheduled appointments, and drop in help for those wanting additional assistance. The center will offer peer mentoring and collaborate with Institutional Effectiveness and Accreditation on program assessment, as well as offer faculty support and work to improve classroom technology.

This center will help UI use the tools and resources we have to offer the best possible education for all of our students.

Beginning Friday, May 5, through Wednesday, May 10, we will be holding open forums for finalists for the position of director of the CETL. Faculty and staff are encouraged to attend the forums and submit feedback about the candidates. Those unable to attend can view recordings of the forums, which will be posted online following the final presentation May 10. For more information, [visit the search website](#).
