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### This Week in the CoLab & CPLC Funding Deadline

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Hello PSU Faculty & Staff:

I am thrilled that we already have thirty applications for the year-long Cluster Pedagogy Learning Community, which will kick off this May, and be a dynamic and emergent initiative designed to support current pedagogy-related university projects, align campus efforts to innovate around curriculum and instruction, and refocus institutional efforts on teaching and learning. The curriculum and practices of the CPLC will focus on three currently-identified aspects of cluster pedagogy: interdisciplinary learning, open learning, and project-based learning. All funding will go towards compensating sixty faculty and staff for their time as we engage in this work together. We hope that many PSU faculty and staff will be involved in the design and facilitation of the curriculum. **The deadline to apply for this funding is 9pm on March 8th.**

Applicants will choose between three tracks:

- **Main CPLC Track:** *this is the main track in which everyone funded will participate. In addition to projects and curriculum through the year, it includes one meeting each during S19 Final Exams and F19 University Days, as well as two half-day sessions over the summer (June 4 & July 30). FUNDING: \$1,000.*
- **Tackling a Wicked Problem Track:** *for faculty teaching "Tackling a Wicked Problem," this track includes the main CPLC series, but also includes longer sessions on June 4 & July 30. FUNDING: \$1,000-2,000.*
- **Open Education Ambassador Track:** *for those who submit an Open Education Instructional Challenge, this track includes the main CPLC series, but also requires attendance at the USNH Academic Technology Institute, May 28-30, 2019. FUNDING: \$2,000. Please stop by this week's Fast Blast for more info about applying to this track!*

This Wednesday & Thursday (3/6 & 3/7), I hope you will attend the **OPEN Fast Blast** (offered at three different times for your convenience) for a quick session to align our vocabularies and questions about open education, and to share details about the Cluster Pedagogy Learning Community. Please check the locations for the events you plan to attend. For a full schedule of upcoming events so you can plan ahead, please [visit our website](#). Thanks to the 31 folks who attended the Interdisciplinary Fast Blast; we're grateful for your participation!

As always, contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Stop into the CoLab if you would like help filling out your application, which should take you no more than 15-20 minutes to complete. I look forward to connecting with you to see how you can be involved as we move forward.

Thanks,  
Robin

[CPLC Info](#)

To Apply

## OPEN Fast Blast

Wednesday, 3/6  
8:50-9:50am  
Frost House

Thursday, 3/7  
8:15-9:15am  
Frost House

Thursday, 3/7  
4-5pm  
Frost House

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## The Lounge is Open!

We welcome you to the new Faculty/Staff Lounge: a quiet, comfy place to work on grading, projects, research, and collaborations. We have free coffee & tea, a fridge, a microwave, and good, relaxed productivity vibes.



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