COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE (CoP) FAQ

HOW MANY MEMBERS MAY PARTICIPATE IN A COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE?
Community of Practice groups should have a minimum of 3 members. Active participants will be awarded a professional development stipend from the Center for Faculty Excellence of up to $200. Although there is no limit on the number of participants in each group, the maximum funding per Community of Practice group is $1200.

WHAT CAN THE $200 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT STIPEND BE USED FOR?
Professional development or classroom-instruction related expenses. Funds will be disbursed to respective departments and identified for participating individuals.

WHAT IS THE DEFINITION OF “INTERDISCIPLINARY PARTICIPATION”?
Individuals with unique research and/or creative activity focus preferably crossing boundaries of traditional departmental disciplines.

MAY WE PARTICIPATE IN MORE THAN ONE COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE?
Yes, individuals may participate in multiple groups; however, they will only be eligible to receive one $200 professional development stipend from the Center for Faculty Excellence.

MAY ADJUNCT FACULTY PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE?
Yes, UNO adjunct faculty are encouraged to participate in Communities of Practice.

HOW DO WE KNOW OUR COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE HAS BEEN ACCEPTED?
Applications are due by October 1st. Facilitators will be notified when the application has been received and contacted in early October only if additional information is required.
ARE THERE LIMITATIONS REGARDING MEETING LOCATION?
There are no requirements regarding meeting location. Meetings may be virtual or held on or off campus.

HOW MANY TIMES DO WE NEED TO MEET?
Communities of Practice are expected to meet at least five times during the academic year. Groups must be registered by October 1 and submit outcomes no later than April 1 of that academic year.