Program for Excellence in

Teaching and Scholarship (PETS)

The Program for Excellence in Teaching and Scholarship (PETS) is a series of eight monthly workshops held on Friday at 1:00-3:30 pm in Alkek 105/6. A networking lunch is provided at 12:00-1:00 pm. PETS is intended to help first-year tenure-track faculty to build a solid foundation for a highly successful academic career. As an incentive, participants who attend a minimum of six workshops are awarded $800 in travel funds for use during June 2018 to August 2019.

Where possible, these workshops will be held in an “active learning” format, involving small group discussions, followed by presentations to the group. They will be assisted by several experienced Texas State faculty who will serve as discussion facilitators. We consider this format to respect the considerable talent of all participants.

PETS is offered through Texas State -- Faculty Development. Our team consists of

Dr. RJC (Bob) McLean, Biology, Assistant Director, Faculty Development

Dr. Catherine Hawkins, Social Work, Director, Faculty Development

Mr. Chris Herman, Administrative Assistant, Faculty Development

For questions about PETS, please contact Bob McLean at mclean@txstate.edu or

512-245-3365.

The schedule and topics for the 2017-18 academic year is as follows:

Fall 2017

September 1 – Teaching and Student Success (teaching and student interactions)

September 29 –Research Enhancement Program (writing workshop, mainly

 focusing on internal, Research Enhancement Program (potential $8K funding)

October 27 – Graduate Education and Student Research

November 17 – Preparing for Annual Review (also addresses making progress towards

 tenure and promotion)

Spring 2018

January 26 - Best Practices, Time Management, and First Semester Evaluation

February 23 – Project Management and Professional Development

March 23 – Cultural Competence and Collegiality

April 27 – Finale and Feedback (including a visit by Provost and/or Associate Provost)

We are glad that you chose Texas State and we look forward to a very productive PETS!