

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

## ***Call for Fellowship Applications***

Interested individuals should submit their packets by **October 1st of each year** to their school's Fellowship Committee Member.

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, Western University of Health Sciences, and the University of Arizona. 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."*

Fellowship in the **RTA** begins with a 4-year fellowship (the RTA refers to its members as fellows). Upon initial acceptance and participation in local and regional teaching academy initiatives and programs, it 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. (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 Interest**. 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 and 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 on 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 Fellowship Committee Representative by **October 1st of year**. The review process for new applications will take place in **October** and applicants will receive notification of the status of their acceptance by **December 1st** of each year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your school's Fellowship Committee Representative listed below.

Sincerely,

Karen Boudreaux, RTA Fellowship Committee, Chair (UC Davis) [kaboudreaux@ucdavis.edu](mailto:kaboudreaux@ucdavis.edu) Elizabeth

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## *Fellowship Application Cover Sheet*

Due October 1<sup>st</sup> Each Year

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicant: Last,	First Name	Signature	Date
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Order of Application and Checklist. Please collate all requirements into 1 PDF file for submission.

Please NAME YOUR FILE as follows: Last Name\_ First Name\_ University\_ 202X RTA Membership Application.

Please submit to one of your Fellowship Committee representatives listed in the accompanying letter. If your school is not represented, please submit to Karen Boudreaux at kaboudreaux@ucdavis.edu.

1. ☐ Completed Cover Sheet
2. ☐ **Nomination statement**
3. ☐ Applicant's **Personal Statement**. Please indicate (check) the areas of emphasis included in your personal statement below.
  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