

Applicant's Contract

Applicant Name: _____
Last First Middle Initial

Institution Name: _____

If I am selected for the **New Faculty Development Series (NFDS)** for Two-Year College Faculty, I agree to fully participate in the entire sixteen-month experience. This includes the following:

○ **Virtual discussions (March 24 -April 30, 2025)**

I will read assigned journal articles and discuss them with other participants and leaders in weekly Zoom meetings. There will be three required journal articles, with optional articles that may interest me.

○ **Immersion Conference (May 15-17, 2025)**

University of Cincinnati – Blue Ash College, Blue Ash, OH

I will attend this conference, which will begin at 8:00am on May 15, 2025, and will end at 4:30pm on May 17, 2025. I acknowledge that I will likely need to arrive on May 14, and the earliest departure flight will be 7:00pm on May 17. Accommodation will be provided through May 18 if needed.

○ **Online (synchronous and asynchronous) discussions (June 2025 – June 2026)**

I will contribute at least once per month to online discussions. This contribution may be: a detailed log describing and reflecting on a new activity or experiment I implemented in a class, based on what I learned at the Immersion Conference.

I understand that this commitment is expected to take 6-10 hours/month, much of which will be in the design and preparation of the activity or experiment, and what I would normally do in my job as I prepare to teach a lesson.

I understand that these discussions are meant to be mentoring opportunities to get help as I implement new strategies in the classroom, as well as providing advice and support to my cohort members. The more I put into these discussions, the more I will get out of them.

○ **Commencement Conference (July 18-19, 2026)**

AAPT National Meeting, Pasadena, CA (July 18-22, 2026)

I will attend this two-day conference, during which I will present a talk or a poster on some aspect of my involvement in the NFDS program. I recognize that I might also choose to present the same talk or poster at the AAPT national summer meeting which will begin the same evening as the end of the Commencement Conference.

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Date