

# The Relauched PCF Program: 2023-2025 Application Cycle

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# Today's Agenda

- List the new changes to the PCF program
- Explain SoTL and how it connects to our work
- Describe how changes made support SoTL engagement
- Outline the components of the application process
- Connect pieces of the application to the selection criteria
- Q&A and application workshop time (optional)

# Changes to the PCF Program in 2023-2025

- A new focus on **Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL)**
- Two-year grant period with increased funding \$40,000 (i.e. \$20,000 awarded per year)
- Collaborative model with CTL staff mentors and an undergraduate student team for technical support
- Dedicated summer programming with participant stipends
- Separate course improvement grants in future years
- [Click here for Application Call and Guidelines](#)

# Relaunched PCF Program Goals for 2023-2025

- Demonstrate impacts on student learning experiences via improved pedagogy
- Promote educational innovation across multiple academic departments
- Create a culture of assessment and data-driven decision making on campus
- Contribute to the **Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL)**

## **Theme for 2023-25:**

Reimagining student learning in a research-intensive institution.

# What is Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL)?

[Click for a Helpful SoTL Definition](#)

[Click for Tips for Starting SoTL](#)

WHAT IS SOTL?

Good Teaching Practices

Scholarly Teaching

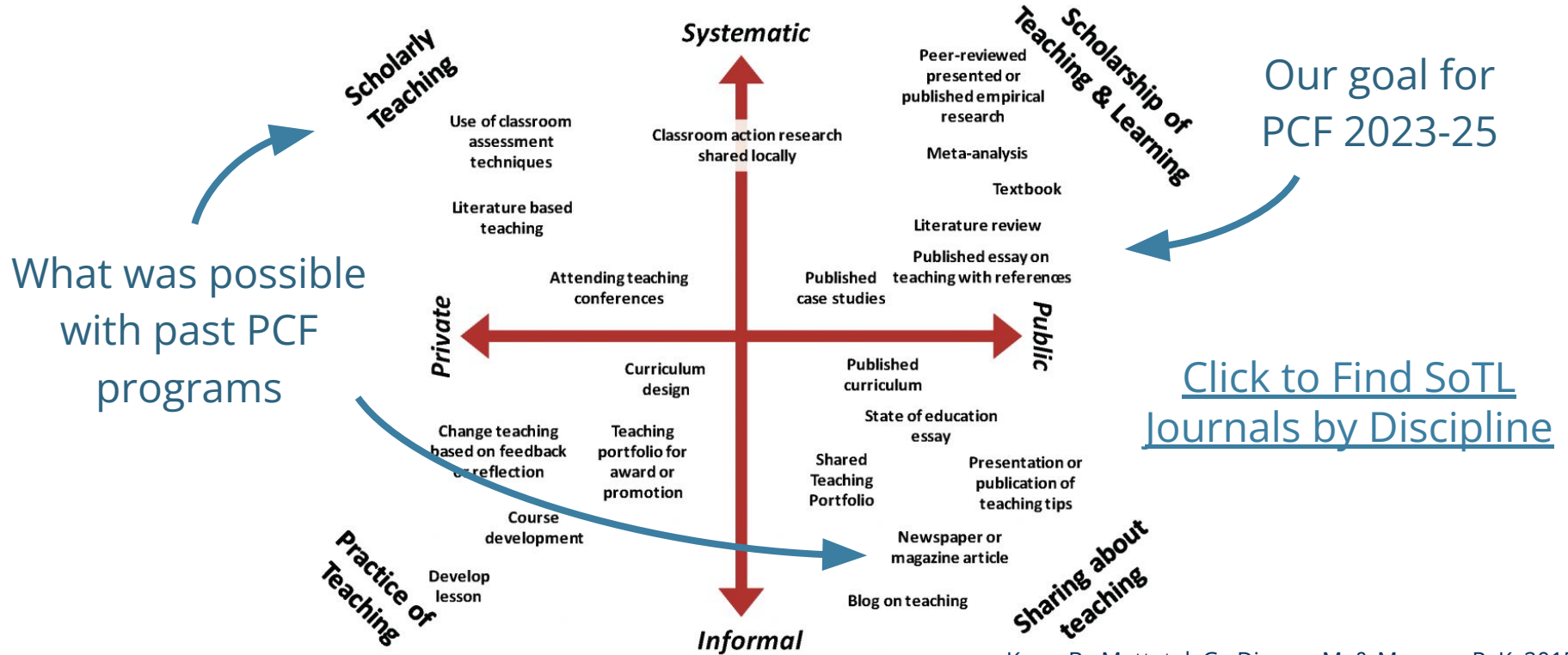
Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

- The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) bridges the gap between theories of learning and the practice of teaching
- **Scholarly Teaching** is reflective and informed teaching
- Scholarship of Teaching makes this public through peer-reviewed empirical study

From Hutchings, P. & Shulman, L. S. (1999). The scholarship of teaching: New elaborations, new developments. *Change*, 31(5), 10-15

Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Kennesaw State University.

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Kern, B., Mettetal, G., Dixson, M. & Morgan, R. K. 2015.

# Why Focus on SoTL?

- Aligns with our skillset and interests as a research-intensive university
- Emphasis on continuous learning and improvement
- Keeps UC Berkeley instructor community on the cutting-edge
- Gives an opportunity to collaborate more and connect outside of UC Berkeley



Assessment Committee, Highline College.

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| Academic Year 2 | Assess Intervention  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Deploy intervention in fall and/or spring courses</li><li>● Do surveys, focus groups/interviews, student work review</li><li>● Analyze impact and share results with community</li></ul>        |

# A Partnership Bridging CTL and Your Department

How CTL will collaborate with PCF Grant Fellows over two years:

- Communication with assigned CTL staff mentor
- Meetings with CTL Assessment Specialist
- Opportunity to consult with other CTL staff
- Support from a small undergraduate student researcher team

... in the areas of SoTL design, pedagogical innovation, data collection and analysis, technical skills, project management, and more!

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# PCF 2023-25 Application Process

In addition to basic info, the application consists **two** core parts:

- Project proposal
  - The nuts and bolts of your proposed SoTL study
  - An argument for why this study is feasible and impactful
- Proposed budget
  - Plans to use up to \$40K to complete the proposed study
- [Click here for the PCF application form](#)

# PCF 2023-25 Application Criteria

Qualified proposals will be prioritized based on the following criteria:

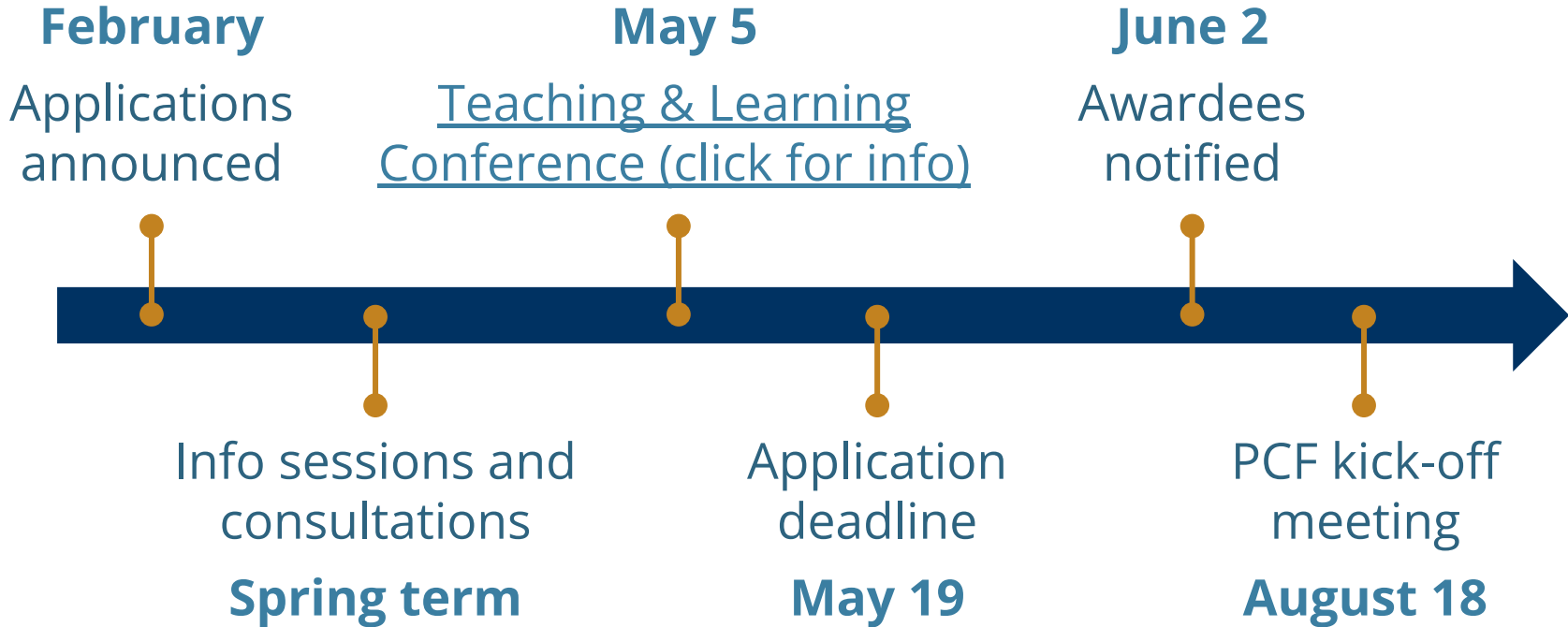
- **Scope**
- **Feasibility**
- **Impact**
- Thematic Alignment
- Departmental Culture
- Program Diversity

# Preparing a Competitive Application

- **Research Interest** - appropriate scope, clear thematic alignment
- **Research Plan** - best opportunity to argue scope, feasibility, impact that can continue to be developed and refined
- **Project Timeline** - feasibility with expressed course/instructor support
- **Potential for Impact** - argues impact within/beyond UC Berkeley
- **Departmental Context** - departmental support to effectively leverage and integrate results of funded study
- **Proposed Budget** - feasibility based on provided funds and timeframe



# Timeline for 2023-2025 Application Cycle



# Future Course Improvement Grant Option: Stay Tuned!

|             | PCF Grants   | Course Improvement Grants  |
|-------------|--|--|
| Purpose     | SoTL Engagement<br>Curricular Innovation   | Pedagogical Innovation<br>“Incubator” Opportunity  |
| Description | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SoTL-motivated</li><li>• rigorous and intensive</li><li>• high accountability</li><li>• department-focused</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• short-term and experimental</li><li>• low emphasis on assessment<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• instructor-focused</li></ul></li></ul> |

# Q&A Time

What questions do you have about

- The relaunched PCF program?
- The application process?
- Anything else?

[Click to schedule a consultation with us.](#)

Contact us at [teaching@berkeley.edu](mailto:teaching@berkeley.edu).



# Optional: Office Hours and Application Workshop

Want to ask additional questions or workshop your ideas?

- **Main Room:** More Q&A
- **Breakout Room 1:** Application Workshop
- **Breakout Room 2:** More Application Workshop

You can choose your breakout room or asked to be moved.