

**Subject:** CTL Weekly Announcements-Open Classroom Initiatives

Dear Colleagues and Students,

Hope you have a great start to the new semester! Please see the following announcements:

**I. Open Classroom Initiatives (Staff only)**

To promote teaching excellence at UIC, CTL will sponsor and coordinate ‘Open Classroom Initiative’(OCI), which provides our colleagues a safe space to learn and develop innovative and technological pedagogical practices from the exemplary colleagues who have demonstrated teaching excellence in their courses. The participating courses for OCI have been listed on the CTL’s website. During the coming semester, if you would like to observe the participating course(s), please register and choose the available timeslot in advance. After receiving the registration, CTL will inform the course instructors via email. Participants can apply for a meal card of Changsheng Restaurant (100 yuan/person/semester) to have meals with instructors for further communication.

**Course Website:** click [Here](#)

**Course Observation Period:** 6 Sep- 17 Sep,2021

**Seats for Each Timeslot:** 5

**Registration:** <https://oas.uic.edu.cn/> (Deadline: 1:00 pm, 3 Sep)

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**II. CTL T&L Lecture**

**Topic:** Introduction to Advance HE and HEA Fellowship (see attachment 1)

**Speaker:** Ms. Jenny Tester

**Language:** English

**Date & Time:** 4:00pm – 5:00 pm, 2 Sep 2021(Thu)

**Venue:** via Zoom

**Meeting Link:** click [Here](#)

**Meeting ID:** 938 0977 9672

**Passcode:** C6uC#H

**Abstract:** This talk will introduce Advance HE as a global not-for-profit charity focused on supporting higher education to be the best it can be. Advance HE are experts in governance, leadership development, teaching and learning enhancement, and equality, diversity and inclusion. As UIC are Advance HE members the talk will highlight the member benefits and services available to staff at UIC. The talk will also describe the four categories of Fellowship (Associate Fellow, Fellow, Senior Fellow and Principal Fellow) awarded by Advance HE which can be used to demonstrate a personal and institutional commitment to professionalism in learning and teaching in higher education. Attendees will be provided with useful resources and links to support them in considering Fellowship, and to make use of the full range of Advance HE’s offers and services.

**CTL Note:**

The Higher Education Academy, a UK organization, which is now part of Advance HE, is committed to "helping higher education and research be the best it can be, founded on a deep-rooted partnership with the sector". HEA awards Fellowships to academic staff in HE institutes based on their submission of evidence of quality teaching. We are pleased to announce that the College will sponsor 50% of the HEA Fellowship application fees as a subscribing institution and the CTL and HRO will jointly reimburse the other 50% for colleagues who are awarded the fellowships, including Associate Fellowship (AFHEA), Fellowship (FHEA), Senior Fellowship (SFHEA), and Principle Fellowship(PFHEA). More detailed information could be founded on the Advance HE

website at <https://www.advance-he.ac.uk/fellowship>

### **III. Other Activities & Resources**

#### **1. Tour of the results of the first National College Teachers' Teaching Innovation Competition (the second phase) 首届全国高校教师教学创新大赛成果巡讲（第二期）**

**Event Date:** 30 Aug -4 Sep 2021

**Venue:** online

**Website:** click [Here](#)

#### **2. Online Learning and Teaching Pedagogies**

Here is a link (click [Here](#)) to a page for externals to Xi'an Jiaotong-liverpool University (XJTLU) to access some of the resources which have been using for staff development in online learning and teaching.

*Best Regards,*

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