The Center for Academic Innovation provides resources and services for faculty that reinforce Western Oregon University’s core mission as a teaching institution and bolster its commitment to serve the evolving educational needs of our students and our region.

To fulfill its mission, the Center supports and promotes innovation by:

- Hosting a variety of workshops, seminars, and round-table conversations that explore instructional technology, emerging pedagogies, and the teaching and learning process.

- Offering instructional and curriculum design and consultations and support, including course planning and development, curriculum design and alignment, and assessment.

- Assisting faculty and staff in the effective integration of academic technology, including the development of course materials, other instructional projects, and providing functional end-user support for the campus learning management system.

- Engaging in process design and program support services to facilitate the delivery of an array of accessible, flexible, creative, and sustainable educational opportunities.

- Demonstrating a commitment to service by supporting student and faculty success in a variety of learning environments.

- Modeling a culture of creativity, inter-disciplinary collaboration, diversity of thought, and advocacy for lifelong learning.

- Partnering with faculty to stimulate a dialogue surrounding the university’s approach to teaching and learning, emerging pedagogies, intentional design, and the evolution of higher education as a whole.

WOU faculty and staff are invited to collaborate with the Center to foster a sense of community that stimulates dialogue and reflection about excellence in teaching, nurtures a commitment to student access and success, supports the scholarship of teaching and learning, and promotes policies to support and reward innovative, high quality teaching and learning experiences.

...The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate in the stormy present...As our case is new, so we must think anew and act anew. We must disenthrall ourselves and then we shall [succeed].

Abraham Lincoln, 1862