

Call for proposals

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CENTRE FOR EXCELLENCE
in work-based learning
for education professionals

Academic Year 2006-07

The newly created Centre for Excellence in Work-Based Learning for Education Professionals (WLE Centre) at the Institute of Education, University of London came into existence in March 2005 as part of a HEFCE-funded initiative to encourage excellence and innovation in Higher Education. Following its overall objectives to build on innovative practice in teaching, learning and assessment through e-learning and digital video, the WLE Centre aims to incorporate the concepts of work experience and experiential learning and to develop new approaches in work-based learning: as work-related (taking place away from work) and work-located (taking place at work).

In line with agreed procedures, the Centre, in pursuing its ambitious goals to engage in developing new research and learning/teaching modes in relation to work-based provision, wishes to invite original proposals from existing Institute staff across the entire range of work-based activities, be it research-orientated, conceptual or course-based. Colleagues interested in working with the Centre may submit applications for the second round of internal secondments either for short-term projects of up to ten days or longer term projects of 0.1fte or 0.2 fte for the academic year 2006-07

for work enhancing the aims of the Centre (see website for details).

Proposals on any aspect of work-based learning will be considered. These areas might include:

- the relationship between theory, learning and professional practice.
- new approaches to modes of work-based learning.
- the role of knowledge in professional development.
- the interface between education and related disciplines such as health and social science.
- issues related to work-based learning in the context of the re-modelling of the PGCE.
- innovative approaches to work-based assessment, e.g. e-portfolios.
- widening participation, e.g. inclusive pedagogy.
- accreditation of prior (and experiential) learning.
- non award-bearing CPD in higher education.

The creative use of new technologies, in particular e-learning and digital video, is particularly welcome.

Projects might inter alia focus on: policy formulation, curriculum development, research and enquiry.

Proposals of no more than 1500 words using the proforma provided below should be submitted electronically to Carla Cretan (c.cretan@ioe.ac.uk) no later than 5pm on **21 July 2006**. Successful candidates will be informed within three weeks of the submission deadline. For details about the WLE Centre and current projects, please go to our website. ■

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RESEARCH PROJECTS FORMAT

- **LENGTH** (1500 Words)
- **PEOPLE**
- **TITLE**
- **ABSTRACT** (max.150 words)
- **KEY WORDS**
- **DESCRIPTION** (max. 750 words)
- **METHODOLOGY** (Research type, approach) (max.150 words)
- **TECHNOLOGIES USED** (if any)
- **OUTCOMES AND DELIVERABLES** (max.250 words)
- **WORKPLAN** (Timetable)
- **TIMEFRAME** (i.e number of days; 0.1 or 0.2 FTE)
- **REFERENCES**



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