

Dear member,

Are your class sizes getting larger? Are you finding it more difficult to keep your students engaged? Are you interested in sharing teaching strategies and finding out more about immersive learning?

If so, you may be interested in attending the fall MicroLinks workshops that CUPFA is organizing with the Centre for Teaching and Learning. There will be two MicroLink events, one on **Tuesday, October 2** and the other on **Tuesday, October 9** from **12:30-2:30**. In round table discussions, participants will be able to engage in lively conversations about teaching. While it isn't necessary to attend both events, if you can, that would be great! Please encourage your students and teaching assistants to come along as well.

A light lunch with coffee and tea will be served.

The focus for the fall MicroLink sessions will be:

October 2: *The Good the Bad and the Ugly*

Round table discussions about the challenges and benefits of large class sizes from a teaching and learning perspective, with an emphasis on sharing teaching strategies.

October 9: *Large-Class Toolkit*

Building on the discussion from October 2nd, participants will work with Centre for Teaching and Learning staff to develop ideas that will be included in a guide or toolkit for inclusive learning.

Please choose two or three questions that you would like to speak about in an informal discussion:

- What are your biggest challenges teaching large class sizes?
- How do you keep students engaged?
- How do you gauge students' progress?
- What tools or strategies do you use to encourage active learning?
- What kinds of support do you receive from teaching assistants?
- What is the most rewarding aspect in teaching large classes?
- How can large class sizes be improved?

Choose one example:

- Provide an example of a positive large class teaching experience that stands out for you.
- Provide an example of a negative large class teaching experience that stands out for you.
- Provide an example of a tool or successful strategy you use when teaching large classes.

Please RSVP by **September 26** for *The Good, the Bad* (on October 2) and **October 3** for *Large-Class Toolkit* (on October 9) at info@cupfa.org .If you have any questions please contact Lorraine Oades at lorraine.oades@cupfa.org.

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