Perhaps you remember hearing that our campus received the UW System Undergraduate & Discovery Grant, December 2014. In accordance with the grant, the Nakatani Teaching and Learning Center has been asked to expand its Undergraduate Student Research Community of Practice (CoP) into 2015-16. We want to reach more instructors through a summer workshop event and to create a new CoP cohort to design, implement, and assess undergraduate student research within the classroom. Would you like to participate in this wonderful opportunity?

NTLC -- Summer workshop & Community of Practice opportunities . . .

On Tuesday, August 25, 2015, NTLC along with Sylvia Tiala (Education Technology) and Kitrina Carlson (Biology) will host a Research Skills Development Framework (RSD) workshop and geocaching event. While all faculty and staff are asked to attend both the morning and afternoon sessions, those with extensive knowledge of RSD are welcome to just participate in the afternoon geocaching activity if desired.

**August 25th Workshop (Memorial Student Center–Cedar/Maple Rm)**

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Application of undergraduate scholarship at UW-Stout in 2014-15, introduction of the RSD Framework, Q&A, and group exchange of ideas for implementing the RSD framework across more disciplines.

**Geocaching Activity**

12:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Introduction of Geocaching Activity and it’s alignment with RSD, participation in 5 geocache sites, group report outs, and identification of “next steps” for the RSD program.

**Workshop outcomes:** Attendees will increase their knowledge of applied undergraduate student research assignments and activities, network with faculty and staff from different disciplines, and
expand their understanding, comfort and competence in applying research strategies (grow the contents of their teaching/research toolkits).

**To register for the workshop, click here: RSD Workshop Registration.**
To learn more about the RSD Framework, please read the attached article and explore the RSD site at [http://www.adelaide.edu.au/rsd/](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/rsd/).

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**RSD Community of Practice information . . . .**

**Instructors at all levels are invited to apply to participate in next year’s RSD Community of Practice (CoP); 8 to 10 participants will be selected from across campus.**

Attendance at the August 25th workshop is required.

- The CoP goal is to design assignments and assessment tools that intentionally apply and analyze the RSD Framework in a greater variety of courses and disciplines.
- It will advance undergraduate research in alignment with the university’s long-range goals & provides faculty with a voice in identifying key points of strength and growth areas, and setting an agenda for the future of undergraduate research skill development.
- It formalizes work originally undertaken by the Creative Original Research Experiences Committee (CORE).
- Members will reflect critically on both their results and the process of applying the RSD, and share information and research outcomes in a variety of venues.
- Cop facilitators include Sylvia Tiala and Kitrina Carlson.
- Active engagement and completion of project goals is required.
- A financial incentive will be provided to participants completing their yearlong project.

**Community of Practice Application due Friday, August 21, 2015.** [http://www.uwstout.edu/ntlc/](http://www.uwstout.edu/ntlc/)

We look forward to working with you next year in this very thought-provoking and exciting CoP!

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