Center for Teaching Excellence and Learning (CTEL)
Scholarship of Teaching and Learning SoTL Series

Bradley will host a series of events to help faculty plan, conduct and evaluate their own SoTL research. This series opens during the first week of December, 2026 (exact date to be announced later) with a workshop on planning SoTL projects. At the 2027 Spring Forum, participants will share their research plan that will be implemented during the Spring 2027 semester. The SoTL series ends with the presentation of SoTL project outcomes at the 2027 Fall Forum in August.

The SoTL workshop in December will prepare Bradley faculty to effectively design and implement SoTL studies. The workshop will provide information and engage participants in interactive learning activities around the following questions:

- Why is SoTL important?
- Identifying good research questions and developing a sound research design.
- How do SoTL projects receive Institutional Review Board approval?
- How is SoTL research disseminated?

By the conclusion of the workshop, participants achieve a sound understanding of SoTL practices, have identified a mentor/accountability team, and have a plan for IRB approval prior to the start of the 2027 Spring semester.

Awarded projects will receive $3,000, which can be split among multiple project participants. The first installment will be awarded upon completion of the SoTL workshop in December 2026; the second installment will be paid upon presenting at the 2027 Spring Forum, and a final disbursement will occur upon presentation at the 2027 Fall Forum. Efforts will be made to ensure representation from all five colleges as well as various departments within each college. Preference will be given to first time SoTL applicants.

Full time Bradley faculty who wish to apply for SoTL Grants should complete the brief attached application and submit it to the Center for Teaching Excellence and Learning at ctel@fsmail.bradley.edu on or before Monday. November 30, 2026. Applicants will receive notification of approval and the SoTL Workshop time and date after that.

SoTL 2027 Grant Application Form

Primary Investigator:

Name:
Email:
Department:

Please list any Co-Primary Investigators:

Name:
Email:
Department:

Name:
Email:
Department:

Is this project based on the delivery of a class in Fall 2026? Y/N

Class:
Anticipated Enrollment:

Is this project based on the assessment/evaluation of a program? Y/N

Please explain:

Abstract: Please describe the course, activity and/or type of assessment you would like to study during the Spring 2027 semester. Please describe your research question. You do not need a fully developed project at this stage. 200-300 word maximum.

Approvals: If useful, comments from the Department Chair and/or College Dean in support of this project are welcomed

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Department Chair Date

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College Dean Date