

Online Facilitation course for Educational Technologists and Educators in African Universities

Dear colleagues,

We invite **applications from educational technologists and educators based at African universities by 21st March 2012** to participate in a free **five week course in online facilitation** funded by the Ford Foundation. **A maximum of 20 participants can be accommodated.** Course participation will be entirely online and will require 8 hours of participation per week. Facilitating Online was developed by the Centre for Educational Technology at University of Cape Town and is registered as a short course at the University of Cape Town. A certificate of completion will be awarded for successful completion of the course and specified online facilitation activities within nine months from the end of the course. Conference hosts from the e/merge 2006 and e/merge 2008 online conferences will be able to apply to join the e/merge 2012 facilitation team without participating in this course.

Application

Please **apply with a covering letter, CV and letter of support from your line manager or Head of Department by e-mail to facilitationcourse@emerge2012.net**. Please address all inquiries to the same e-mail address.

Target participants

The course is aimed at **experienced educators at higher education institutions in Africa** who have reliable internet access and the opportunity to run courses or components of their courses online. Selection criteria include:

- previous experience of online teaching and learning
- at least five years' experience as a university educator or educational technologist
- willingness to teach future online facilitation courses in their local/regional context or
- willingness to be a conference host for the e/merge online conferences or a pilot educational technology network across African universities.

All applicants will require a letter of support from their line manager or Head of Department.

Course Facilitators:

Tony Carr is the Staff Development and Curriculum Projects Co-ordinator at the Centre for Educational Technology, University of Cape Town, South Africa.

Gerrit Wissing is a Senior Instructional Designer at the Tshwane University of Technology, South Africa.

Deadlines and course schedule

The course schedule includes reflection time and takes account of the complex and busy lives of participants by building in a break of a week after each fortnight of course activity.

21 March: Deadline for applications

27 March: Successful candidates informed

9 April - 15 April: Week 0 (Entering site, addressing technical issues, introductions)

16 April - 21 April: Week 1

22 April - 28 April: Week 2

6 May - 12 May: Week 3

20 May - 26 May : Week 4

3 June - 9 June: Week 5