

Office of the Provost & Academic Affairs  
Professional Development Workshop  
*iRISE: Engaging Faculty & Staff in Research, Innovation  
& Social Entrepreneurship*

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Providence West Social Room

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The Office of the Provost and Academic Affairs provides faculty and staff with a variety of opportunities for professional development in teaching, research, scholarship, creative activity, and grant writing. Developing an active and robust professional development plan not only supports and enriches students' overall university experience, it can also be immensely rewarding for us in living out our calling and vocation as members of the OLLU community. Areas such as the Center for Teaching and Learning, Center for Service-Learning and Volunteerism, Center for Mexican American Studies and Research, and Provost's Diversity and Inclusion Council make possible multiple opportunities for growth in faculty and staff's ongoing professional development.

This mini-workshop, a "pop-up" Institute for Research, Innovation and Social Entrepreneurship (iRISE) will focus on ways faculty and staff can explore low cost, high impact approaches to professional development and innovation in their respective programs, departments, units, professions and/or communities. Inspired by Maya Angelou's poem on the triumph of the human spirit in the face of adversity, iRISE will explore the mindset at the heart of Innovating for the Common Good (ICG). Workshop participants will learn about a variety of supports, including small grant opportunities, that can be very instrumental in launching faculty and staff's programming and research projects.

Faculty and Staff New to Our Lady of the Lake University  
and those Interested in Enhancing their Promotion and  
Tenure Portfolios are Especially Encouraged to Attend

*Light snacks and refreshments will be provided*