A CLOSER LOOK

The Towson Teaching Fellows Program is a three-semester program that seeks to educate post-doctoral scientists in the pedagogy and application of teaching science at the undergraduate level. The first semester consists of a series of pedagogy seminars, covering a wide range of topics, including concepts such as metacognition, inquiry learning and questioning. The seminars are discussion-based sessions that target important pedagogical issues facing higher education. During the second semester, the Fellows are the instructors of record for a lecture course. They are responsible for all aspects of the course, with substantial assistance from mentor faculty. Debriefing sessions and teaching observations are held during the second semester to serve as an opportunity for program personnel to address new issues or concerns that were not covered during the seminar series. The third semester is also a teaching semester, where the Fellows again teach a single lecture, giving them time to revise and refine their teaching. This is a spiraling program wherein new cohorts are recruited and interviewed each summer. Every fall semester, the current cohort is teaching for the second time and the new cohort is attending the pedagogy seminar series.

SOLUTIONS/OUTCOMES

• Future faculty with a grounding in solid teaching strategies
• Towson University students receiving teaching that is grounded in educational theory

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