Develop a "Bulldog Expertise Pool," where interested faculty will identify specific areas of expertise that could contribute to scholarly collaboration.

CURRENT CHALLENGE:

As engaged faculty, we want to have the optimum level of scholarly productivity, given our commitments to teaching and service. Typically, time is a serious barrier to realizing the production of more publications, presentations, and grant proposals. In addition to time, often expertise may be needed in other areas beyond what is available, limiting the ability of faculty to successfully complete these efforts.

PROPOSED SOLUTION:

Bulldog Expertise Pool
Interested faculty will identify specific areas of expertise that could contribute to a scholarly collaboration. These could include special research skills, writing ability, or creative talents. These faculty will also agree to contribute 10 hours to an expertise pool. Other participating faculty in need of specific expertise can draw from the pool by contacting the faculty member with the needed knowledge, skills, and abilities and arranging for a time to collaborate. It is expected that each participant deposit and withdraw from the pool in a sincere, collegial manner. The Bulldog Expertise Pool is completely voluntary, but this activity has great value for potential scholarship. The Provost's Office will sponsor a "speed dating" event at which participants share their particular expertise. The Untenured Faculty Organization will also participate with recruitment and publicity for this event.

BENEFITS TO FRESNO STATE:

Scholarly collaboration will be enhanced, as faculty can be more productive and access needed expertise to complete projects.
Additionally, awareness of the depth and breadth of scholarly expertise across campus will be enhanced.
Interdisciplinary collaboration will be facilitated through the building of relationships across departments and colleges.
New faculty will be benefit particularly from the opportunity to meet other faculty from across campus.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: