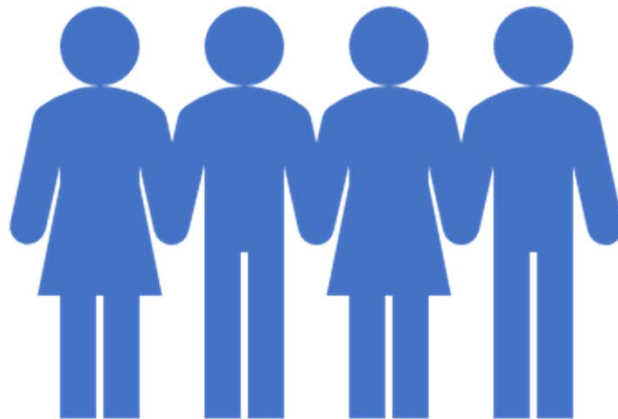


Strong Workforce Faculty Institute

Mesa Edition



Flex # 1545

Agenda

About the Project

- Why are we doing this project?
- How do accomplish the project objectives?
 - Region requirements
 - Mesa-nizing the Institute
- Important Dates

How to sign up

- Fill out letter of commitment before you leave

FAQs

About the Project: Why are we doing this project?

- It's all about the students!
- Project objectives:
 - Learn more about the students who take your courses, specifically about their retention, persistence, and success outcomes
 - Apply the knowledge gained from the investigative research to better connect with your students
 - Develop an action plan to implement your ideas in the classroom



How do we accomplish the project objectives?

Regional Requirements

- Kickoff meeting Feb. 28 (location TBD, save all day for the kickoff)
- Investigative research project + Action plan
 - Monthly due dates
 - Monthly check-ins with researchers and Career Education Dean
- Fall 2020 meeting (date TBD, but likely Sept. 18 or Sept. 25)

Mesa-nizing the Institute

- Data coaching course (Canvas)
- Project clusters (optional)
- In person monthly check-ins (working meetings)



Investigative Project + Action Plan

- Let's look at a draft of the project
- Final version will be an interactive web page (with a login) to enter responses

Mesa-nizing the Institute

Data coaching course

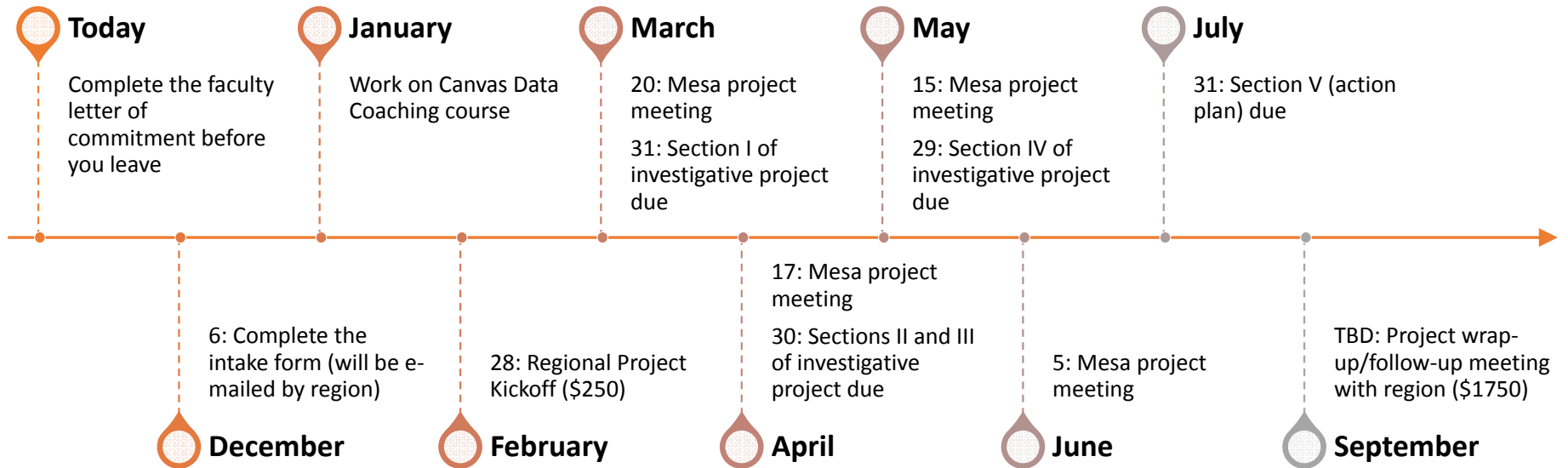
- In Canvas, plan to make available to faculty in January
- Goals:
 - Learn how to interpret data
 - Learn how to help others interpret data

Project clusters

- Instead of creating individual action plans, create an action plan within programs to help improve overall retention and success (optional)

In person monthly check-ins (working meetings)

- Discuss your observations with colleagues in your program
 - You do not need to share your individual classroom data with colleagues
- Brainstorm action plans to improve retention and success
- Discuss classroom strategies that work/don't work for you
- Get help from researchers to interpret data



Important Dates (tentative)



How to Sign Up

- Fill out the Faculty Letter of Commitment before you leave today
- You will receive an e-mail with the intake form
 - Researchers need this information to start compiling data for you to analyze

FAQs

When I do need to implement the action plan?

- Implementation of the action plan is not a part of the regional project. We are exploring options to encourage implementation at Mesa in Fall 2020.

What if I'm not teaching in Fall 2020?

- That's okay! You'll create your own timeline for implementation of your action plan.

What if I can't make the Feb. 28 kick-off?

- Please rearrange your schedule. The region is *requiring* attendance at the event.

I'm not sure I can do the project this year – will it be offered again next year?

- This is currently a one-time project supported by the region. We may try to offer a similar investigative project at Mesa in the future, but it may not include a stipend.

How much time will this actually take?

- Estimated ~30 hours if your in-person discussions are productive in creating an action plan. You could easily spend more time if you want. Remember the point of the project isn't simply to complete it, but to learn more about our students and to create an action plan to improve student retention and success.