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**~ STEM Focus ~
Xavier Contemplative
Inquiry Team
Call for Participation**

We invite you to join the Xavier Contemplative Inquiry Team. We will meet regularly over the course of the 2017-2018 academic year and provide support for each member's personal practice, contemplative pedagogy, and related research. This year, we'll be adopting an explicit focus on STEM disciplines to examine some of the exciting scientific research in this area. The team is open to all faculty, staff and students.

Background. Since 2010, CAT has actively promoted contemplative pedagogy through presentations, workshops, travel grants, meditation sessions, and other diverse means. The formation of a Xavier Contemplative Inquiry Team, supported by a generous grant from the Mellon Foundation, is the latest iteration of these ongoing efforts.

Benefits. Participants will enjoy support in the form of readings, meals, access to consultants, and fellowship. In addition, limited funds are available to support faculty travel to events such as the Summer Session on Contemplative Pedagogy.

Commitment. Participants are expected to be physically present at monthly meetings (generally on the second Monday at noon) throughout the academic year. Readings may be chosen by the group, and participants will need to keep up with the readings for meaningful discussion. Additional activities may be scheduled at the team's discretion.

Eligibility and Application Process. Though primarily promoted to faculty, participation in the Xavier Contemplative Inquiry Team is open to any faculty, staff, or students at Xavier University of Louisiana who are willing to make the necessary commitment regardless of previous experience or lack thereof. Applicants should submit a complete electronic copy of their proposals to CAT via email to cat@xula.edu.

Due Date: Ideally we'd like to receive your application by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, 25 August 2017. (However, this is a soft date; late applications are welcome.) Decisions will be made and communicated to applicants by Friday, 1 September 2017.

Proposal Requirements and Format

1. **Cover Page** (see attached)
2. **Statement of Commitment/Interest:** Submit a brief statement of your personal commitment to participate in the Contemplative Inquiry Team, including the monthly meetings.
3. **Signatures:** Please make note of the required signatures on the cover sheet.

Criteria for Assessment. It is anticipated that we will be able to accommodate all who wish to participate. If interest exceeds funding, determinations will be made using a random process.

Questions or Comments. Any questions about the Xavier Contemplative Inquiry Team or this call should be directed to Mr. Bart Everson at campus extension 5164 or bpeverso@xula.edu.

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Xavier Contemplative Inquiry Team
Application Cover Sheet

Name: _____

Department: _____

Email: _____

Your Signature: _____

Department Head Signature: _____

Division Chair Signature: _____

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