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# BUILDING AN **EDUCATION** **COMMUNITY** ONLINE

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The Taylor Institute Teaching Community is a hub for educators to share and engage with postsecondary education resources, reflect on their teaching, and form valuable connections with colleagues around the world.

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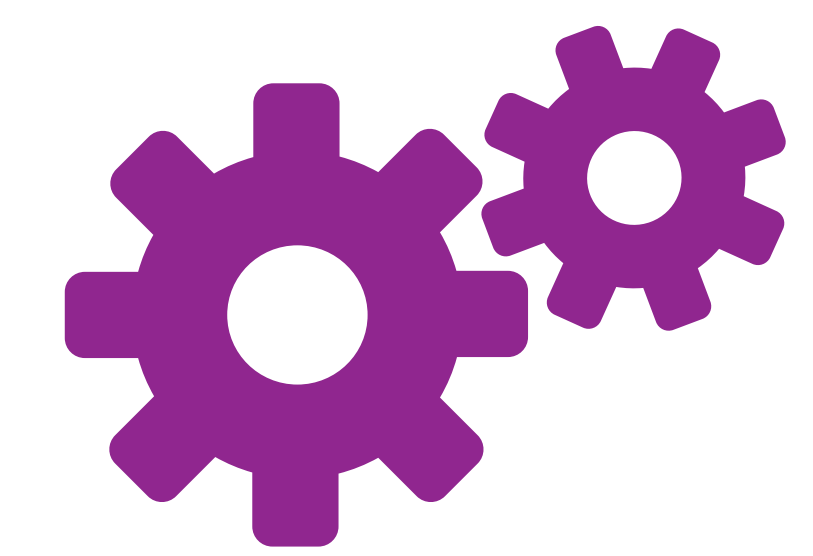


## COMMUNICATE

- Enables educators to **connect** to a network of their colleagues.
- Prioritizes openness and **access** for users at the University of Calgary and around the world.
- Educators can **connect** to materials and resources related to postsecondary education, **shared** by other educators.

- Open **communication** is a vital component of the Teaching Community.
- Fosters **conversations** among colleagues through discussion forums and comments.
- Email notifications to **engage** users on an ongoing basis.
- **Intuitive** design to lower barriers to participation.

- Home to a **curated** collection of teaching resources **created** by educators, for educators.
- Members can share materials they have found useful and **catalogue** them using tags and categories.
- Bookmarks and subscriptions enable members to **personalize** the site according to their interests.



## COLLABORATE

- **Collaboration** is a natural outgrowth of the site's design.
- Creates a scaffolded environment for educators to conduct **inquiry** on their teaching by promoting critical **reflection**.
- Sharing with other educators allows community members to benefit from their colleagues' **expertise**.



## CONNECT



## CREATE