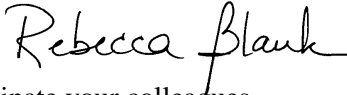




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TO: Deans, Directors, and Academic Department Chairs
FROM: Rebecca Blank, Chancellor 
SUBJECT: Wisconsin Idea Seminar – Nominate your colleagues

THE WISCONSIN IDEA SEMINAR: May 14-18, 2018

The Wisconsin Idea inspires much of our work at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. This foundational principle runs deep and is a consistent reminder that the teaching and research conducted here should serve the people of Wisconsin and beyond.

Join me in encouraging your colleagues to participate in our university’s signature Wisconsin Idea Seminar.

ABOUT THE SEMINAR

The Wisconsin Idea Seminar is a 5-day immersive tour of Wisconsin for UW–Madison faculty and academic staff to engage with Wisconsinites, build relationships, and learn about the educational, industrial, social, and political realities of Wisconsin.

Participants become students of Wisconsin life to learn about the state they serve. They return to campus both inspired by a renewed commitment to the Wisconsin Idea and more knowledgeable about the spaces and places from which many of our students originate.

The 2018 Wisconsin Idea Seminar’s theme is “Big Lake” and the tour will include experiences at Lake Superior and its surrounding watershed, in addition to other stops along the way.

ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

The Seminar is designed for UW–Madison faculty and academic staff, with an emphasis on faculty and staff who are new to Wisconsin or new to their role on campus. Individuals may nominate themselves with support from their department chairs or divisional directors. Please feel free to forward this message to colleagues.

NOMINATE YOURSELF OR A COLLEAGUE

Nominations are due February 15, 2018. To learn more about the Wisconsin Idea Seminar and to begin the nomination process, visit <https://wiseminar.wisc.edu/>

Questions? Contact Wisconsin Idea Seminar Director Catherine Reiland (creiland@wisc.edu / 262-0380)

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