

### **Professional Development Funds (up to \$2,500) for IT Faculty – Available Now**

IT faculty can apply for professional development funding through the Center of Excellence. Full- and part-time faculty from any IT-related program are eligible for up to \$2,500 to pursue additional training, earn certifications, purchase equipment, and more.

[Apply for professional development funds](#)

### **IT Skill Standards Summit – free workshop including travel stipend**

**April 23-25 | Bellevue, WA**

Please join us at Bellevue College for this free (travel stipend included!), hands-on, interactive workshop. Attendees will learn how to develop and leverage a future-facing set of skill standards for any technical discipline.

College faculty and administrators will learn how to maximize advisory committee participation to create technical programs that keep up with changing industry demands.

- Understand the elements of the BILT (Business and Industry Leadership Team) Model and the skill standards development cycle
- Discuss strategies for recruiting subject matter experts
- Practice preparing and hosting SME meetings to prioritize in-demand job skills and KPIs
- Convert the job skills into student learning outcomes
- Workshop implementing skill standard materials into curriculum
- Develop mentored “action plans” for next steps

Travel expenses will be reimbursed via stipend. Participating schools must send at least two people: one faculty member and one administrator.

To learn more (and to register to attend), visit: <https://connectedtech.org/itss-summits-2024>

### **Center of Excellence Chmura Webinar Series**

**Wednesday, January 24 | 11am-12pm | <https://skagitvalleycollege.zoom.us/j/89149835699>**

The Centers of Excellence are pleased to present a series of data webinars focused on the Chmura Data Analytics platform for the community & technical college system and our partners. Centers have adopted the Chmura platform to provide complimentary data and insights for key industry sectors.

Please join us on January 24 for an overview of the Chmura data platform and the following featured industry sectors:

*Information & Computing Technology*

*Clean Energy*

*Agriculture & Natural Resource*

*Global Trade & Supply Chain Management*

Faculty, staff and leadership across all professional technical programs are invited and encouraged to attend. Registration is not required.

### **Internship Postings**

Students looking for IT internships can view some current opportunities [here](#).

### **Industry Articles**

[\*Navigating the 2024 Tech Job Market: Insights and Strategies Amidst Predicted Layoffs\*](#)

[\*The Future of Tech Jobs in 2024\*](#)

[\*Tech Trend Focus: Real-Time 3D Graphics\*](#)

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