2016–2017 TIDE Ambassadors

The Institute for Teaching Excellence & Faculty Development (TEFD) selected the following twelve faculty as inaugural 2016–2017 Teaching for Inclusiveness, Diversity & Equity (TIDE) Ambassadors:

- Lisa Aronson Fontes, University Without Walls
- Anne Ciecko, Communication
- Gayatri Guhanarayan, Kinesiology
- Christiane Healey, Biology
- Raeann Genevieve LeBlanc, Nursing
- Megan Lewis, Theater
- David McLaughlin, Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Kysa Nygreen, Teacher Education & Curriculum Studies
- Jennifer Nye, History & Commonwealth Honors College
- Cara Takakjian, Languages, Literatures, & Cultures
- Michelle Trim, Computer Science
- Paige Warren, Environmental Conservation

The 2016–2017 program kicked-off with an intensive three-day retreat in May 2016, during which the TIDE Ambassadors began to build community and engaged in a variety of experiential and self-reflective learning activities related to team-building, motivating students by teaching inclusively, facilitating difficult classroom discussions, and creating inclusive syllabi.

As part of the Fall sessions and the half-day institute in January, the group explored how to develop inclusive and equitable learning experiences that respond to the needs, interests, and learning styles of diverse students. Spring sessions allowed participants to share experiences and concerns, to exchange ideas, and to provide feedback to each other.

During the final full-day retreat day in May 2017, fellows shared ideas about their TIDE Ambassadors projects, through which they are communicating some of their learnings with their departments and the larger campus community, inviting feedback, and exploring opportunities for cross-disciplinary collaborations. The year ended with a reflective exercise to look back on the year.