

Criteria and Process*
for
Loyola University New Orleans
Centers of Excellence

Criteria

A Center of Excellence should include a combination of the following criteria:

1. Have great potential to contribute to the stated mission of the University.
2. Promote the achievement of academic excellence in the University.
3. Establish its case for excellence on the basis of external evaluations (e.g., through professional accrediting bodies or through external reviews commissioned for this purpose).
4. Reflect the quality of the faculty in that area.
5. Build on areas of recognized strength within the University.
6. Have the potential to promote interdisciplinary collaborations and cross departmental collaborations.
7. Demonstrate a unique ability to raise the quality of undergraduate student learning.
8. The potential for outreach to external communities.

Process

1. Interested departments or collaborators should submit letters of interest, signed by chairs or potential directors.
2. The initial evaluation ("first cut") is the responsibility of the Provost to trim the field.
3. Finalists will submit a plan for how funds will be used; external evaluations will be scheduled.
4. SCAP will determine the Centers or create a committee to do this.

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