Idaho State University

ASSERT Application Guidelines
ASSERT is in person on the Pocatello Campus for Spring 2026

Faculty Support

Faculty support is available (i.e. course release) for ASSERT participants. We encourage faculty members to have a conversation with their chair about whether a course release could be supported.

Personal & Institutional Information

You'll begin by entering your identifying and institutional information.

1. **Choose your title from the dropdown menu**
   ○ Select your current professional title (e.g., Assistant Professor, Lecturer, etc.).
2. **Department/Program/Unit**
   ○ Enter the full name of the department, program, or unit in which you work.
3. **Select your College from the menu**

Application Questions

Use this section to reflect on your professional experiences and goals. Be specific, authentic, and concise.

1. **What is one of the most challenging aspects of your professional career, and how do you approach it?**
   ○ Briefly describe a key challenge.
   ○ Focus on how you manage, address, or grow through this challenge.
2. **What accomplishment in your professional career are you most proud of, and why?**
   ○ Highlight a meaningful achievement.
   ○ Explain the context and its impact on your professional journey.
3. **What is one thing that you will bring to the cohort?**
   ○ Consider what unique perspective, skill, or experience you can contribute.
   ○ Think about how this would benefit a collaborative learning environment.
4. **What do you hope to gain from this program?**
   ○ Reflect on your personal and professional development and research goals.
   ○ Consider skills, experiences, or insights you hope to develop through your participation.
5. **[Haiku] Why do you want to participate in the ASSERT cohort?**
   ○ A haiku is a 3-line poem (5 syllables / 7 syllables / 5 syllables).
   ○ Be creative, sincere, and keep it relevant to your purpose and interest in the program.

Weekly Workshop Availability – Spring Semester

IMPORTANT: Attendance is mandatory. Participants will be expected to engage fully with cohort activities, including completing assigned readings and projects.

- Review the list of weekly meeting time options.
  - Monday 10am- 11:30am
  - Monday 1pm - 2:30pm
  - Tuesday 3pm - 4:30pm
- Select **every** time that you are available to attend.
- These sessions are essential; protect the time(s) you indicate.
- If your schedule does not allow attendance at any listed time, please apply to a future cohort.

Retreat Availability Confirmation

The cohort includes a **mandatory spring retreat** in collaboration with Boise State University:

- **Dates**: Friday–Sunday, April 24–26
- **Location**: Ketchum, Idaho
- **Costs**: All travel expenses paid
- **Requirement**: Attendance at the retreat is required to participate in the cohort.

If you **cannot** attend the retreat, **do not apply this year**. Plan to apply in a future cycle when you are available.

Final Tips

- Double-check all dates and availability before submitting.
- Be authentic and thoughtful in your written responses.
- Submit your application before the deadline of **September 26th.**
- Discuss whether or not you will need a course release with your Department Chair.

If you have any technical issues or questions about eligibility, reach out to the ASSERT Program Coordinator Emma Fox-Fogle| emmafoxfogle@ISU.edu