

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING AN ELECTRONIC PORTFOLIO FOR Instructional Academic Staff (IAS) @ UW-L

The CANDIDATE extracts An “IAS report – individual” of the candidate’s activities (generated from the electronic system *Digital Measures* and representing activities since *date-of-hire* at UW-L) which should include hyperlinks to associated evidence such as:

- Evidence of teaching development activities (e.g., syllabi with learning objectives stated, course assessments, peer evaluations)
- Evidence of scholarship/professional development (e.g., copies of presentations, creative activities)
- Evidence of service (e.g., letters or projects associated with department, college, university, and/or professional service).

NOTE regarding teaching ASSESSMENT – activities described under individual courses are included as part of the annual report. In addition, a candidate can upload or describe more intensive assessment as part of teaching evidence under “IAS” materials.

DEPARTMENT PROVIDES the “IAS report – departmental” on the candidate which includes the information as noted in the fields within *Digital Measures*.

Additional information regarding the *Digital Measures* system for IAS is provided in the box below.

BOX: Guidelines for the inclusion of electronic materials for a candidate’s retention portfolio

These instructions are best understood by a candidate who is generally familiar with the *Digital Measures* electronic portfolio and most of these instructions would be best followed once logged into the system. Annotated tutorials regarding use of the system are available at <http://www.uwlax.edu/provost/pychome/eportfolios.htm>.

Entering Activities

Following the guidelines above, all candidates will have entered activities associated with their work back to their date of hire at UW-L using the fields/categories available under “Your Activities.” In addition, the candidate can upload (attach/store) files that can be used for evidence. The maximum size for any one file (in any format) uploaded into the system is 10 MB. There are three primary places in the system where files can be attached.

- Teaching:
 - Syllabi can be uploaded under the “store file” function available for each class under “teaching schedule.” Course numbers/names and enrollments are automatically entered.
 - Teaching evidence can be uploaded under “assessment” – peer evaluations of teaching can be loaded under assessment or as teaching evidence under materials
- Scholarship evidence can be uploaded under intellectual contributions, artistic activities, or presentations. Each has a “store file” function for any independent entry a faculty member makes.
- At the bottom of the “Your Activities” screen there is a component entitled “IAS Materials.” This component is the proper place for any additional evidence not included under other activity categories. The electronic portfolio system allows for a candidate to enter a short descriptive text to be included with each uploaded form of evidence.
- Narrative – the program allows for the upload of a narrative statement.
- Optional CV - a CV (regarding work prior to UW-L) can be entered under the component entitled “IAS materials” at the bottom of the “Your Activities” screen in the system.

Format of the Files

Materials provided need to be identical throughout the process. Therefore, the following guidelines should be followed.

- **Static materials:** Due to potential changes in web-based materials, static files (files that are permanent and temporally fixed) should be created for all electronic materials. For instance, if a copy of an article is available from the journal's website, the material should be saved to a file, and loaded into the electronic portfolio system. Or, a music file that is on a website should be captured in a smaller form for a sample to be included in the electronic portfolio format.
- ***Large items?** In the rare case that the candidate believes that an electronic versions (text, mp3, jpg, etc) cannot capture the nature of his/her work. Reference to the material and a sample or portion of the project should be provided electronically and the candidate can also provide the entire work to the Dean's Office. For instance, a candidate who wishes to include a book should copy the title page, copyright, TOC and a sample chapter for an electronic appendix and provide the book to the Dean's Office.

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