



# WISCONSIN

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

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TO: Deans, Directors, and Academic Department Chairs  
FROM: Rebecca Blank, Chancellor *Rebecca Blank*  
SUBJECT: Wisconsin Idea Seminar – Nominate Your Colleagues

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## THE WISCONSIN IDEA SEMINAR: May 15-19, 2017

The Wisconsin Idea inspires much of our work at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. This foundational philosophy runs deep and reminds us that the teaching and research we do on this campus benefits and serves the people of Wisconsin and beyond. Join me in encouraging your colleagues to participate in our university's signature Wisconsin Idea Seminar.

### THE WISCONSIN IDEA SEMINAR

The Wisconsin Idea Seminar is a five-day immersive tour of Wisconsin for UW-Madison faculty and academic staff to engage with Wisconsinites, build relationships, and learn about the educational, industrial, social, and political realities of Wisconsin.

Participants become students of Wisconsin life to learn about the state they serve. They return to campus both inspired by a renewed commitment to the Wisconsin Idea and more knowledgeable about the spaces and places from which many of our students originate.

The 2017 Wisconsin Idea Seminar will feature stops in Wisconsin's famous Driftless Area, the Mississippi River, Milwaukee, and much more.

### ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

The Seminar is designed for UW-Madison faculty and academic staff, with an emphasis on faculty and staff who are new to Wisconsin or new to their role on campus. Individuals may nominate themselves with support from their department chairs or divisional directors. Please feel free to forward this message to colleagues.

### NOMINATE YOURSELF OR A COLLEAGUE

Nominations are due February 15, 2017. To learn more about the Wisconsin Idea Seminar and to begin the nomination process, visit <https://wiseminar.wisc.edu/>

Questions? Contact Wisconsin Idea Seminar Director Catherine Reiland ([creiland@wisc.edu](mailto:creiland@wisc.edu) / 262-0380).

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