

# Newsflash

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Welcome to the start of the 2026-27 academic year! This month's Newsflash focuses on **what you need to know to start the Fall semester**, including:

- Academic Year Launch and New Faculty Orientation
- Faculty Success resources
- Faculty Senate updates
- Upcoming professional development opportunities



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## Get ready for 2026-27 with the Academic Year Launch

The first day of classes is just around the corner (August 19) and soon all things academic year will kick into high gear. Faculty Affairs in the Office of the Provost is offering a series of essential events (including [New Faculty Orientation](#) on August 17), professional development sessions and student engagement activities to help everyone launch the 2026-27 academic year. Choose the events that interest you and start the new academic year off strong!

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## Paws on the Path: Faculty Writing Workshop

Kick off the semester at the Fall Faculty Writing Workshop ([registration link](#)). Develop a semester writing plan, make progress on your writing and expression projects, and connect and build community with other faculty during this interactive writing workshop.

**Location and Time: Monday, August 31 | Cooper Library 309 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

## What To Do This Month



Several deadlines for major awards are in September (Fulbright, Guggenheim, Sloan, and more). Visit [the InfoReady portal for Faculty Awards and Honorifics](#) for more information. If you have any questions or requests for assistance, please [email Tom Kealy](#).



Clemson University invites nominations for the position of [Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees](#). Nominations close August 31. Also, don't miss the [General Faculty Meeting](#) on August 18 at 9 a.m. at Memorial Auditorium at Tillman Hall.



Share your feedback on the general curriculum at the **2026 General Education Program Retreat** on August 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will focus on the Crossings curriculum, the No. 1 Student Experience and future plans to guide student learning. [Review the agenda](#) and [register for the retreat](#).

## Professional Development



Learn how the **Division of Research** can help advance your work at a New Faculty Orientation session on Monday, Aug. 17 from 8:30-11 a.m. ([register](#)). The University research community should be also aware of [several federal policy notices issued this summer](#) related to co-authorship, travel, talent recruitment, foreign collaboration, data protection, AI use and more.

## More upcoming opportunities



**OTEI welcomes you with fall programming**, such as Teaching with AI — Without the Overwhelm: a Clemson OneHE program. If you're curious about AI, skeptical, or wondering how to respond to students using it, this program is for you. [Register now](#) and visit [the OTEI events webpage](#) for the August 14 New Faculty Teaching Conference registration and more on upcoming programs!



Are you interested in making your online or hybrid course more effective and accessible? [Apply for Clemson Online's Quality Matters cohort](#), which guides instructors through the process of online course improvement using the QM Rubric.



The Pam Hendrix Center for Education Abroad is [accepting renewal applications](#) to lead a faculty-directed program in Spring Break, Summer, Fall, Fall Break, or Winter Break of 2027. Applications close August 15. You can log back into your application portal by clicking on the "[Login to Existing Application](#)" button on the PHCEA website. [Pre-proposal submissions for 2028](#)

## Faculty-Focused Events

You can search the University Calendar to find faculty-tagged events and save them to your calendar and/or register by selecting ['Faculty' under the 'Audience' option](#). Please check frequently as more events, workshops and opportunities for faculty will pop up in this calendar.



### [Faculty Senate Monthly Meeting](#)

**Tuesday, August 11 | 2:30-4:30 P.M.**

Meetings will occur monthly on the second Tuesday of each month.



### [New Faculty Orientation](#)

**Tuesday, August 17 | 1-4:30 P.M.**

Orientation offers faculty workshops, drop-in sessions, resource fairs and the Clemson University New Faculty Welcome Celebration,



### [Faculty and Staff Headshot Day](#)

**Tuesday, August 18 | 10 A.M.-12:30 P.M.**

Receive a free, professional headshot from Marketing and Communications.



### [GrantForward Webinar](#)

**Wednesday, August 28 | 12-1 P.M.**

GrantForward representatives will show how to navigate the world's largest research opportunities database. Search for grants with powerful filters and receive personalized grant recommendations based on your research profiles.



### [Well-being Workshop](#)

**Wednesday, August 28 | 12-2 P.M.**

Learn more about strengthening your personal well-being and cultivating happiness. Explore how principles of well-being can enhance wellness in personal, group and professional settings. Registration opens August 18.



### [Fall Faculty Writing Workshop](#)

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[View more faculty events on the University calendar](#)

### Did You Know...?

The Workday training team will hold webinars throughout August covering faculty-facing topics like purchasing, travel, expenses and more. [View available sessions on the University calendar.](#)



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