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Office of the Provost

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Faculty Affairs Newsflash

Welcome to **Newsflash** - brief highlights and links from academic affairs curated by the faculty affairs team in the Provost's Office to provide relevant and timely news "flashes" and resources for all faculty.



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Sabbatical leave requests

Reminder: Sabbatical requests for Fall 2026 are due to elected departmental committees no later than **January 30, 2026**. Please consult with your department chair and be sure to clarify the feasibility of covering workload.

We use a Faculty Success workflow to route sabbatical requests from submission through all reviews and approvals. If you are submitting a request, please [email Faculty Affairs](#) at your earliest convenience so that your workflow can be set up and launched.

Faculty Affairs is hosting an informational session on the sabbatical request process on **January 12** from 3-3:45 p.m. [Register via Zoom](#) to receive the link.

Spring Faculty Writing Sessions from your Faculty Career Advancement team

- [Sign-up for One or More Faculty Writing Sessions](#)

- The Faculty Career Advancement team supports Faculty Success signature projects and warmly invites all faculty to participate in Spring Semester Writing Sessions.
- These sessions are designed to support focused, consistent progress on scholarly and creative projects and offer distraction-free writing time in a supportive peer environment.
- We are piloting an informal writing accountability group along with an online writing tracker to help participants build sustainable writing habits and maintain momentum throughout the semester and beyond this academic year.
- **Where:** Cooper Library, Room 309
- **When:** January 23, February 16, March 13, and April 13
- **Which ones:** Faculty are welcome to attend one or multiple sessions
- **How:** [Sign up via Qualtrics](#).



OTEI 2026 Faculty Spring Book Club *Small Teaching*

Discover fresh inspiration for your teaching and connect with a cross-disciplinary community of instructors in the Spring Book Club! We'll dive into James Lang's *Small Teaching: Everyday Lessons from the Science of Learning* to discover short, research-backed strategies like retrieval warm-ups, prediction prompts, and other small tweaks to your courses that can be done in just a few minutes of class time. [Learn more and register](#).



Spring online instruction development training events

The Clemson Online Instructional Development Calendar covers a wide variety of topics, from online teaching tools to best practices for online learning and accessibility. The [calendar of upcoming presentation and workshops](#) is available on the Clemson Online blog.



Faculty Insights Workshop set for January 21

Explore how Academic Analytics' Faculty Insight tool can help you identify collaborators, compare scholarship within and across disciplines, and discover new funding and honorific award opportunities. This online session, led by Marian Kennedy from Materials Science and Tom Kealy, Director of Faculty Awards from Faculty Affairs, will demonstrate how to access your account and use Faculty Insight to strategically advance your research profile.

Faculty Insights Workshop
Wednesday, January 21, 2026
12-12:45 p.m.

To RSVP, please email Director of Faculty Awards and Honorifics [Tom Kealy](#).



FACULTY SENATE

Think about nominating someone or yourself for Faculty Senate: Faculty Senate to begin new session in April

- New Senators will be elected in March during college elections.
- Deans will receive the apportionment this month.
- The apportionment is available to all faculty. Contact [Lauren Kennedy](#) for access.



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Call for faculty mentors

- [Faculty proposals](#) for [the EUREKA! program](#) are due by **Friday, February 27, 2026**.
- [Faculty proposals](#) for [the SPRI program](#) are due by **Friday, February 27, 2026**.



TigerSphere now accepting proposals

Submit your ideas for [TigerSphere](#) to build relationships and continue collaborations.

Contact [Shelia Cotten](#) with questions.

Special funding opportunity

Johnson Controls Inc. plans to fund two to three projects [aimed at reducing energy usage in buildings](#) and improving health of building occupants. [Proposals are due Feb. 27](#) with awards announced March 31.

Limited Submission Digest

[Sign up for the Clemson University Limited Submission Digest](#) to receive a weekly digest of open limited submission funding opportunities with links to the internal downselect process.

Office of Research Development office hours and resources

The Office of Research Development (ORD) holds office hours **every Thursday** from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in-person in the Strom Thurmond Institute (Room 238) or [virtually on Zoom](#).



Next Month...

The next issue of Newsflash will be distributed on **Friday, February 6**. Prior newsletters can be found on the [Faculty Affairs Newsflash website](#).



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