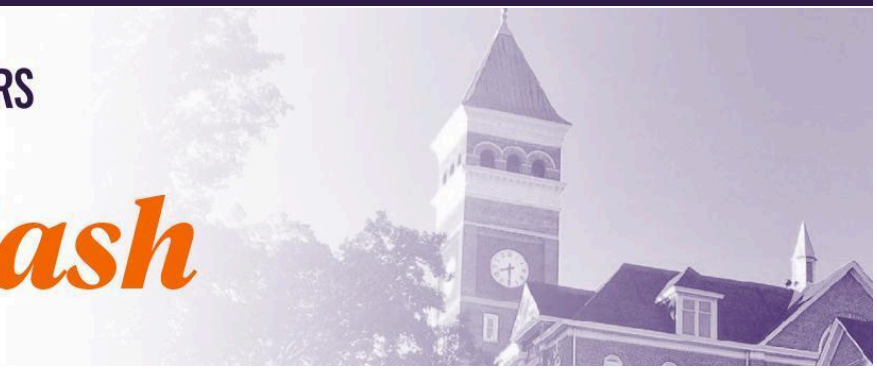
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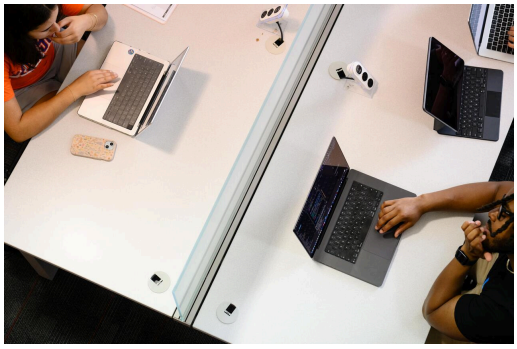
Good afternoon! As we approach the final weeks of the fall semester, we recognize that faculty are balancing many priorities, from teaching, research, community engagement and personal life to navigating evolving processes, technologies and expectations.

This month's Newsflash brings together **updates and resources to help you navigate some of these priorities**, including:

- **Processes and expectations:** Updates to Watermark's Faculty Success, guidance on student course evaluations and helpful information ahead of next week's Faculty Senate meeting.
- **Research funding and resources:** Upcoming funding opportunities, workshops and tools for identifying collaborators and resources for affordable open-access publishing.
- **Professional development and community:** Opportunities to strengthen your writing, build community and advance your work.
- **Teaching and technology:** Practical workshops and resources for leveraging Canvas for your rubrics and looking into Artificial Intelligence.

Faculty Updates: Processes, Expectations and Deadlines

Understanding Student Course Evaluations: What New Faculty Need to Know – Virtual Session



Join OTEI and Faculty Affairs on Monday afternoon for a virtual information session and Q&A designed to help new faculty navigate Clemson's student course evaluation process. This session will provide an overview of student course evaluations, including how faculty can customize their evaluations, communicate with students about the process and effectively review and use the results to inform their teaching.

The session will conclude with an open Q&A.

- November 9, 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- Virtual
- Register via Microsoft Forms

Watermark's Faculty Success, Clemson's faculty activity reporting and reviews platform, has an updated interface. Activities are found under your profile. You will see a "to-do" list. Reviews can now be found under the Review tab on the left instead of Workflow. To help faculty navigate these changes, Faculty Affairs has developed a one-page overview and an eight-minute video highlighting changes and where to find key functions.

Stay informed about faculty governance discussions and updates by reviewing the **October 2026 Faculty Senate one-pager** before the next monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 10, at the Strom Thurmond Institute auditorium from 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Faculty must complete Annual Required Training in Workday Learning by Tuesday, November 10. Submit questions through the "I have a training question" form in ServiceNow.

Faculty Development and Community



Call for Nominations for the 2027 ACC-ALN Clemson Fellows

Academic administrators such as department chairs, school directors, associate deans, and academic vice presidents are invited to apply for Clemson's ACC Academic Leaders Network cohort. Fellows will connect with leaders across the ACC (Atlantic Coast Conference), explore current and future issues in higher education, and advance their leadership-related goals through communities of practice and intensive workshops. Applications are due **November 18.** See the linked announcement for details and application instructions.

Fall Faculty Writing Workshop

Join Faculty Affairs and colleagues for the final writing workshop of the semester. Continue your semester writing plan, make progress on your writing and expression projects, and connect and build community with other faculty during this interactive writing workshop.

- November 30, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Cooper Library
- Register via Microsoft Forms

PAM HENDRIX CENTER FOR EDUCATION ABROAD

The Pam Hendrix Center for Education Abroad is **accepting pre-proposals for new faculty-directed education abroad programs** to be offered in Fall, Fall Break, Spring Break and Summer 2028. Applications close February 15. Information about the required Global Travel Registration for Student International Travel process is also now available.

The **Clemson Honors College Research Symposium** on November 13, from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at the Honors Center (Cribb Hall), is a conference-style, professional setting for Honors students to showcase their research and scholarly achievements. The event also offers faculty the chance to learn more about research with Honors students or mentoring students who may present their work in the future.

Research Funding and Resources

Faculty seeking support for research, scholarship and creative activities can explore several funding opportunities and resources, including the Faculty Travel Fund, R-Initiatives and tools for identifying collaborators and external funding.

Join staff from Academic Analytics/Faculty Insight on November 11 at 2:30 p.m. for a **hands-on workshop guiding faculty through using Faculty Insight** to find collaborators at Clemson, identify funding opportunities and visualize collaboration networks.

R-Initiative funding application deadlines are approaching on November 11 and November 13. Read more about the programs and access guidelines on the Division of Research website. Applications must be submitted in InfoReady. Reach out to rifunds@clemson.edu with any questions.

Applications are open for the Faculty Travel Fund, which provides up to $2,500 per participant for travel that advances research, scholarship and creative work. Applications are administered by the Provost's Office and are reviewed and awarded on a rolling basis until all resources are allocated. Faculty are strongly encouraged to apply as soon as possible. The priority deadline is December 8.

Clemson Libraries has launched the **new Clemson Journal Finder tool** to support researchers in finding open-access journals in which to publish their research at no or low cost.

Teaching and Technology: Practical Support

OTEI will hold an **"Engaging Students Through Curiosity and Asking (Effective) Questions"** workshop on Thursday, November 12, from 12:30-1 p.m.

There is also **a new page for TEACH-AI** — see who has joined and sign up!

Lastly, OTEI has announced the date for the **Clemson Teaching Excellence Conference: Tuesday, January 5**. Look for more in next week's OTEI Teaching Newsletter.

The Office of Digital Learning and Technology will hold a **"Creating Canvas Rubrics with AI"** workshop on Wednesday, December 2, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Visit the ODLT calendar for more events.

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. You can also add additional filters using more options in the calendar feed. Check frequently as more events, workshops and opportunities for faculty will pop up in this calendar throughout the year. Some examples are shown below:

Understanding Student Course Evaluations: What New Faculty Need to Know
Monday, November 9 | 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Faculty Senate Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, November 10 | 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Academic Leader Learning Series: Making Workday Work for You: Leading Through Digital Change
Friday, November 13 | 12-1:30 p.m.

Faculty and Staff Headshot Day
Tuesday, November 17 | 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

View more faculty events on the University calendar

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