

# Newsflash

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October already? We hope you're having a great semester — Fall Break is just around the corner.

This month's Newsflash focuses on **professional development events and resources**, such as:

- Clemson's partnership with NCFDD
- Events from Faculty Affairs, including mentoring and Libraries workshops
- Upcoming recognition and award nomination deadlines
- Research development training opportunities
- Events featuring accessibility, ethics, teaching resources and more

## Mentoring Map Workshop

This interactive workshop guides faculty in identifying mentors, sponsors, collaborators and professional support networks that can strengthen career development throughout their time at Clemson.

- October 5, 12-12:45 p.m.
- Virtual
- [Register via Microsoft Forms](#)

## Discover how Clemson Libraries can support your research

This introduction to Libraries services covers resources that support research activities, with a focus on data management and sharing, open access and scholarly publishing, the implications of AI for research, and evidence synthesis and systematic reviews.

- October 16, 12-1 p.m.
- RM Cooper Library 204
- [Register via Microsoft Forms](#)

# Coffee chat on "The Strategic 'Yes': Optimizing Service Decisions"

Grab your favorite mug and join Senior Associate Provost Amy Lawton-Rauh for an informal coffee chat on **The Strategic “Yes”: Optimizing Service Decisions**, a conversation about making thoughtful choices around when, where and how to say “yes” to service opportunities.

- October 21, 9-10 a.m.
- RM Cooper Library 418
- [Register via Microsoft Forms](#)

**New Faculty Onboarding events** continue through the Fall. Events for the spring will be announced in future Newsflash publications and the University calendar (see filtering recommendation further down).



Through Clemson University’s partnership with NCFDD, Clemson faculty have access to a wide range of professional development resources designed to support your success as a faculty member, scholar, researcher, educator or academic leader. Explore webinars, programs, courses, tools and community opportunities focused on writing and research productivity, career advancement, mentoring, leadership development, well-being and more. [Visit the Clemson NCFDD Hub to get started.](#)

[View all Faculty Affairs events](#)

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## Faculty Actions: Goals and Awards



**Watermark's Faculty Success, Clemson's faculty activity reporting and reviews platform, has a new look!** Explore the new interface by choosing the option *Explore the new view* from the homepage. Clemson will switch completely to this new view on November 2, allowing us to get through most of the TPR season. [This one-page document](#) provides an overview of changes.



**Nominations for the Class of '39 Award for Excellence**, the University's highest faculty honor, are open until October 20. [Review the guidelines](#) and [nominate a colleague via InfoReady](#).



Congratulations to faculty who [received tenure and promotion honors](#) for 2025-26!

## Professional Development



# RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT

*Division of Research*

[The Office of Research Development](#) will hold several events this month focused on helping faculty connect with funding opportunities.

**GrantForward Training Webinar:** GrantForward is a funding opportunity database and discovery tool designed to help faculty, researchers and research support staff identify grants and build personalized funding searches. Representatives from GrantForward will provide valuable and insightful information on how to search for grants with powerful filters and receive personalized grant recommendations based on your research profile.

- October 5, 9-10 a.m.

- Zoom webinar
- [Register via Google Forms](#)

**CAREER Academy Overview:** NSF CAREER awards help set up assistant professors' careers as researchers and educators. Jane Jacobi will provide an overview of the NSF CAREER program and of the ORD CAREER Academy, held annually from January through July. This workshop is for assistant professors thinking about submitting CAREER proposals.

- October 29, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
- Room location shared upon registration
- [Register via Microsoft Forms](#)

## Helpful resources and upcoming opportunities for faculty



Explore how learning science can inform your course design and assessment with [this OTEI podcast playlist](#). Help students learn more effectively through inclusive assessment options, retrieval and interleaving practices, and insights from neuroscience. [Past playlists are also available](#) on the OTEI blog.



Clemson Online is now the [Office of Digital Learning and Technology](#). ODLT will hold its biannual [Canvas Accessibility Week](#) from October 19-22, covering new accessibility standards, captioning and introductions to PDF and math accessibility.



[Clemson Libraries has expanded its tools and trainings](#) to help students, faculty and staff learn how to use AI ethically and responsibly to assist with research. In addition to Canvas courses on AI literacy and AI ethics, the Libraries has several online guides to help users explore AI-related topics at their own pace.

**Annual Required Training has launched!** Complete your training by November 10.



[South Carolina Paid Parental Leave guidelines](#) have been updated to **expand eligibility** to time-limited and temporary grant positions, **extend leave duration** for certain employee groups, and **increase covered events**. The enhancements apply to qualifying events occurring on or after October 1, 2026.

## 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:



### [New Faculty Onboarding: Mentoring Map](#)

Monday, October 5 | 12-12:45 p.m.



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

Tuesday, October 6 | 2:30-4:30 p.m.



### [Academic Leader Learning Series: Making Workday Work for You: Leading Through Digital Change](#)

Friday, October 9 | 12-1:30 p.m.



### [Ombuds Office Training - Giving Effective Feedback](#)

Wednesday, October 14 | 9-10:30 a.m.



### [Discover how Clemson Libraries can support your research](#)

Friday, October 16 | 12-1 p.m.



### [CI Mentor Orientation](#)

Friday, October 23 | 2 p.m.

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