



FACULTY AFFAIRS
Office of the Provost

Newsflash

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Happy September! We hope you're having a great start to the academic year as autumn rolls in and the leaves (and hopefully the temperature) start to fall.

This month's Newsflash focuses on **programming to support you throughout the year**, such as:

- Events from Faculty Affairs, including writing and goal-setting workshops
- Upcoming recognition and award nomination deadlines
- Mentorship opportunities
- Professional development events



Faculty Affairs continues to build on its foundation of supporting faculty throughout their Clemson careers, from professional development workshops to helping faculty start off strong and providing time for new faculty to get established. Faculty Affairs is centering

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for the academic year. The specific topics this month are writing, setting goals, and learning more about how the University works.

Fall Faculty Writing Sessions and Groups

Protect your time and make progress on your writing this semester. Join us for **dedicated, distraction-free writing sessions** that you can pair with **accountability groups** designed to give you the space and time to focus on your scholarly work.

- **Writing sessions:** September 30, October 27, November 30
- **Writing accountability groups:** Join a small faculty writing accountability group for regular check-ins, peer support, and encouragement to make consistent progress throughout the semester.
- [Register for Fall Faculty Writing Activities via Microsoft Forms](#)

Goal-setting Workshop – September 23

This interactive workshop focuses on **strategic career planning** by helping faculty identify priorities, clarify professional goals, and develop actionable plans for long-term success.

- September 23, 12-1:30 p.m.
- RM Cooper Library Brown Room (416)
- [Registration is encouraged and helps us scale appropriately.](#)

How Clemson Works

This one-hour discussion introduces faculty to Clemson's organizational structure, governance, decision-making processes and campus resources to help faculty navigate the institution successfully. All faculty are welcome. This is also part of the New Faculty Onboarding series.

- September 16, 12-1 p.m.
- RM Cooper Library Brown Room (416)
- [Register via Microsoft Forms](#)

New Faculty Onboarding events [continue through the fall](#), covering topics such as mentoring networks, annual review and Faculty Success, Clemson Libraries services and more. Events for the spring will be announced in future Newsflash publications and in the University calendar (see filtering recommendation further down).

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Faculty Actions: Goals and Awards



All faculty promotion and reappointment processes will **launch** no later than today (Sept. 4). If you don't see a process you are expecting, please email DMAdmin@clemson.edu.

Importantly, **goals for academic year 2026-2027 are due September 30**. If you still see a task related to goals in your Watermark Faculty Success inbox, you have not submitted for this year.



Interested in pursuing an award or honorific but not sure where to begin? Whether you have a specific award in mind or want to explore possibilities, [contact Director of Faculty Awards and Honorifics Tom Kealy](#).



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



The Creative Inquiry + Undergraduate Research office is seeking [applications for the Carr Family Endowed CI award](#), an annual award that provides \$4,000 for one year to enhance and support eligible CI projects. Applications close September 30.

Professional Development



OTEI (Office of Teaching Effectiveness and Innovation) is happy to celebrate the **Clemson Peer Observation Program**, a faculty-driven initiative which certifies faculty observers who follow a developmental observational process to provide data and insight on teaching attributes, not discipline content. Learn more and find certified faculty [on the OTEI website](#).

Upcoming opportunities for faculty



Thank you to those who attended our New Instructor Conference! If you missed it, you can [catch all of the sessions online](#). Additionally, [Turnitin's Canvas interface has changed](#) but is still easy to use.



The [Office of Research Development offers year-round workshops](#), including **September sessions on NIH and NSF requirements and peer-review practices**. The Office of Research Compliance also offers fall workshops that provide one credit hour toward [Advanced Responsible Conduct of Research \(RCR\) training](#) required of some researchers.



EUREKA! participants conduct early-start research with faculty mentors during the five weeks before their first year at Clemson. Meet the students, explore their research, and **learn more about serving as a EUREKA! faculty mentor** in a drop-in event Friday, September 18 from 2:30-4 p.m. in DesChamps Hall.



Start Strong: Mentoring Essentials for New Clemson Faculty is Friday, September 25, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m., in the Madren Center’s Junior Ballroom. Learn strategies for building effective mentoring relationships, aligning expectations, communicating clearly, and supporting students and mentees. Participants will complete requirements for their first Clemson Faculty Mentoring Badge. Email GRADCTM@clemson.edu for more.

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:



[Faculty Senate Monthly Meeting](#)

Tuesday, September 8 | 2:30-4:30 P.M.



[Ombuds Office Training - Don't Tough It Out: Difficult Situations at Work](#)

Friday, September 11 | 9 A.M.-12 P.M.



[Faculty and Staff Headshot Day](#)

Wednesday, September 23 | 10:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.



[OTEI — From Prompt to Project: ChatGPT Chat, Work & Codex](#)

Tuesday, September 29 | 12-1 P.M.

In this online lunch session, Dr. Claire Dancz will explain how ChatGPT can support quick questions, drafting, complex projects, and repeatable workflows—and how to choose among Chat, Work, and Codex.

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



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