News for Faculty – Friday, January 27, 2023

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**Penn State Faculty Digest**

The Faculty Digest provides faculty and instructors with relevant news and information about programs and resources that promote faculty success. Watch for these emails on the last Friday of every month (or earlier when there is a campus closure).

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT – NEW LEADERSHIP PROGRAM FOR FACULTY**

Penn State Emerging Academic Leaders (PSEAL) applications are open February 15 - March 3 via Workday. The Penn State Emerging Academic Leaders (PSEAL) program is designed for faculty at the University interested in developing their leadership skills. The program is a blend of instructor led seminars, engagements with mentors and mentees, and self-directed learning activities that help the participant explore leadership styles and best practices. Through these engagements participants will identify their strengths and development opportunities related to their personal academic leadership growth. The program culminates with a personal leadership philosophy statement, the development action plan, and a certificate of completion.

Mentorship is a significant part of the PSEAL program. Within this program, you will be mentored by a more experienced academic leader and will mentor others through the *New Faculty Network* program. Participants are encouraged to identify a mentor before submitting an expression of interest to the program. Mentors may include a department or division head, a school director, a director or dean of academic affairs, an associate dean or other academic leader interested in serving in this role. In this program, you will receive training on how to mentor new faculty and will oversee a cohort of new faculty members from across the University. If you need assistance in finding a potential mentor please contact Ann Clements, assistant vice provost for faculty affairs, at acc13@psu.edu.

To be eligible for this program you should be a full-time tenured or non-tenure-line faculty member at the second rank (level of associate or higher) who does not hold or has only recently been promoted into an academic leadership role at Penn State. Sessions for the fall 2023 semester will be held between 2:00-5:00 pm on various Fridays. If you have a course conflict or are unable to attend synchronous remote sessions on Friday, please refrain from submitting an expression of interest until a future semester when the program will be offered at a different time and day.

**LATEST NEWS**

**Advocate Penn State**

You may have seen a [petition from Advocate Penn State](https://www.govt.psu.edu/petition/) calling for support of Penn State’s 2023-24 state appropriations request. If you have not signed yet, please consider adding your voice to this important effort. Penn State’s appropriations request to the Commonwealth this year is historic, and should we be successful in securing greater funding from the state, the impact on our budget could be transformational for the university. But for us to be successful in Harrisburg, it will require a strong effort on behalf of all Penn State stakeholders to show that our students, faculty and staff, families, and the Penn State community at large are engaged in this issue and willing to speak up for Penn State. Your voice matters and the voices of your students matter!

**2022-24 TLT Faculty Fellows**

Teaching and Learning with Technology has welcomed six instructors across two campuses and four colleges into its [Faculty Fellows cohort for 2022-24](https://www.psu.edu/news/information-technology/story/tlt-introduces-faculty-fellows-2022-24/) and begun collaborating on a new slate of projects.

**Penn State Global Award Nominations Sought**

Penn State Global is accepting nominations for the [2023 Advancing Global Penn State Awards](https://www.psu.edu/news/global-programs/story/penn-state-global-seeks-nominations-faculty-staff-and-student-awards/), including the W. LaMarr Kopp International Faculty Award

**LionSafe**

Penn State’s Department of Environmental Health and Safety is pleased to announce the arrival of a new, cloud-hosted, EHS software platform, LionSafe, powered by Salute®. This [new platform](https://www.psu.edu/news/administration/story/lionsafe-helps-penn-state-better-manage-environmental-health-safety-needs/) will leverage the power of data-driven analytics to help drive the ongoing development, enhancement, and innovation of EHS programs within our five areas of responsibility: Environmental Protection, Laboratory and Research Safety, Workplace Safety, Radiation Protection and Hazardous Materials. Please be on the lookout for emails from LionSafe in the coming days, encouraging you to log in to the new system. Additionally, end users will be able to find resources such as “how-to” instructional videos, user guides, and FAQs at the LionSafe website, <https://ehs.psu.edu/lionsafe>.

**Revised Employee Travel Guidance**

The University has [updated its international travel guidelines](https://www.psu.edu/news/administration/story/penn-state-updates-covid-19-international-travel-guidelines/) for faculty and staff. As of January 20, faculty and staff traveling abroad for University purposes are no longer required to provide attestation of vaccination status for COVID-19. Penn State strongly recommends that all University-affiliated travelers be up to date with their COVID-19 vaccinations. Read the full guidance [here](https://vpfa.psu.edu/files/2023/01/International-Travel-Guidance_Employees_1-20-23.pdf).

**January Faculty Senate Meeting**

At the first meeting of the [Faculty Senate of the spring 2023 semester](https://www.psu.edu/news/faculty-and-staff/story/faculty-senate-hears-update-presidential-goals-first-meeting-semester/), the senate heard updates from University leadership, including Penn State President Neeli Bendapudi’s goals for her presidency, in addition to other items of senate business.

**Promotion and Tenure Workshops**

**Transitioning from Associate to Full in a Tenured Faculty Position**
Wednesday, February 8, 2023, 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

**Advancement and Promotion for Non-Tenure-Line Faculty**

Thursday, February 26, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

**Preparing for Promotion and Tenure for Pre-Tenure Faculty**

Tuesday, February 21, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

For a full list of spring 2023 workshops, please visit <https://vpfa.psu.edu/promotion-and-tenure-workshop-series/>.

**Spring Professional Development Opportunities for Teaching**

* Penn State's teaching center, the Schreyer Institute for Teaching Excellence (SITE), offers [workshops, programs and short-courses](https://www.schreyerinstitute.psu.edu/events?date=), [custom workshops](https://www.schreyerinstitute.psu.edu/custom) for groups and academic units, [individual consultations](https://www.schreyerinstitute.psu.edu/staff) on any aspect of teaching, and multiple [grants](https://www.schreyerinstitute.psu.edu/grants) funding opportunities.
* Penn State’s [Teaching and Learning with Technology](https://tlt.psu.edu/) (TLT) units, [Creative Learning Initiatives](https://mediacommons.psu.edu/), [IT Learning and Development](https://itld.psu.edu/), and the [Learning Design Team](https://tlt.psu.edu/professional-development/), offer workshops, programs, and individual consultations for faculty looking to enhance their teaching and learning through technology.
* SITE and TLT offer many continuous learning opportunities and professional development resources for Penn State faculty:  [Faculty Professional Development Opportunities - Continuously Updated.docx](https://pennstateoffice365-my.sharepoint.com/%3Aw%3A/g/personal/ald21_psu_edu/ETbg-p1wc3RMnR_egjkDRxEBGGenqFxdnnft2i5kMyGMfA)

**COVID-19 Resources**

The University continues to provide resources to help individuals stay safe and healthy and prevent the spread of COVID-19. Read more about University resources pertaining to masking, testing, vaccines, and more [here](https://www.psu.edu/news/campus-life/story/university-continue-providing-resources-mitigate-spread-covid-19/).

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**To obtain comprehensive, updated information at any time, please review:**

* **The Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs** [website](https://vpfa.psu.edu/)
* The University’s comprehensive [COVID-19 resources](https://virusinfo.psu.edu/)
* Previous issues of this [Digest](https://www.vpfa.psu.edu/penn-state-pandemic-news-digest-archive/)