

**Friday, April 26, 2024**

### **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).

### **LATEST NEWS**

#### **Updated Portal for Researcher Financial Accounts**

Penn State's Office of Research Information Systems (ORIS) has [updated its researcher portal](#) by adding a new module, called myFunds, enables researchers to more easily navigate and manage their accounts, including grants and startup funds. Accessible to researchers and their delegates, upon request, the module extends existing features within the [myResearch Portal](#) and enables researchers to easily view in real time the account-level details for their external sponsored research grants, such as federal and foundation grants, and internal accounts, such as startup funds and royalties.

#### **April Faculty Senate Meeting Recap**

At its [final regular meeting of the spring 2024 semester](#), the University Faculty Senate debated revisions to its pass/fail policy, heard a presentation on the University's budget model, and oversaw the transition of senate leadership from outgoing chair Michele Stine to incoming chair Josh Wede, among other business.

#### **Emeritus Academy Inductees**

The Penn State Emeritus Academy has announced the induction of [16 distinguished faculty members](#) into its prestigious ranks this Spring, 2024. The Penn State Emeritus Academy is dedicated to fostering a vibrant community of retired faculty who continue contributing to the University's mission through mentoring, teaching, and research. The academy provides a platform for members to engage in intellectual and creative activities that contribute to the Penn State community and beyond. Academy members hold the title of "Academy Professor."

#### **CTSI Fellowship Program**

[Penn State Clinical and Translational Science Institute \(CTSI\)'s Implementation Science Core](#) is accepting applications for the [Implementation Science Fellowship Program](#) now through May 24. The program [provides training and a mentorship network](#) to scientists interested in advancing their implementation science expertise across Penn State campuses. The fellowship is for full-time Penn State faculty, at any level, seeking training and a practical learning experience in implementation science. Early-career researchers are encouraged to apply.

#### **Nominate an Instructor for a University Teaching Award**

Students and educators from any Penn State campus can [nominate Penn State faculty](#) for a University Undergraduate Teaching Award. Find a nomination form and see

award criteria at the [Schreyer Institute web site](#). Nominations are accepted year-round, and those submitted before June 30, 2024, will be considered for the 2025 awards.

### **Faculty Passing**

Sheela Pandey, associate professor of management at Penn State Harrisburg, passed away on March 25. Dr. Pandey joined Penn State in August of 2016. In 2022, she earned tenure and was promoted to associate professor. She held a Ph.D. in General and Strategic Management from Temple University. Her research interests focused in several areas, including social entrepreneurship and social enterprise, nonprofits, leadership, and gender and diversity, among others. A [celebration of life](#) will be held on May 26 from 12 to 4 p.m. at the family's home in Ellicott City, Maryland.

## **FACULTY OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Mentoring Training**

The Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs and Undergraduate Education are sponsoring a [Mentoring Training Workshop](#), which is designed to equip faculty members with the tools and skills to foster effective mentorship of undergraduate and graduate students and postdoctoral scholars in the research setting. The workshop will be held Friday, May 3 from 12:30-4:345 p.m. at the Dreamery in Shields Building. Please register [here](#).

### **OER Adoption Grants**

University Libraries has [opened the application for the 2024-25 Leads Faculty Adoption Grants](#). OER Adoption Grants give faculty the opportunity to customize their courses to adopt open educational resources (OER), thus ensuring their students have free and ongoing access to their course materials. Apply [here](#).

### **Digital Education Exchange Retreat**

University Libraries' Teaching and Learning with Technology Design Team will host the [Digital Education Exchange Retreat](#) in May 2024. The [retreat will be held May 22-24](#) at the Toftrees Golf Resort. Interested faculty and instructors who will teach during the fall 2024 or spring 2025 semesters are invited to apply by May 10.

### **Blended Learning Transformation**

Teaching and Learning with Technology (TLT) and IT Learning and Development are accepting applications for the next [Blended Learning Transformation \(BlendLT\) workshop series](#). BlendLT is open to faculty, instructors, and lecturers from all Penn State campuses who are interested in learning how to incorporate remote and online teaching experiences and various technology tools into face-to-face courses. The [online application](#) is open through Sunday, April 28.

## EVENTS AND TRAINING

### Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities for Teaching

- The Schreyer Institute for Teaching Excellence (SITE) invites applications for the [Curriculum Innovation & Renewal Program \(CIRP\)](#), which aims to empower *academic units* to facilitate curricular changes that enrich undergraduate instruction and to compensate labor associated with curriculum redesign. Meet with a SITE consultant for a pre-proposal consultation by May 7. This program runs during the 2024-25 academic year.
- Summer Program: The Targeted Teaching Transformation (T<sup>3</sup>) Program pairs individual instructors, who plan to design or redesign a course, with a consultant for up to 10 individual meetings and provides a host of resources. For more information and an application link, see the Schreyer Institute's [events page](#).
- [Registration](#) is open for the Endorsement on [Inclusive and Equitable Teaching](#), part of the Provost Endorsement Program.
- Penn State's [Teaching and Learning with Technology](#) (TLT) units, [Creative Learning Initiatives](#) and the [Learning Design Team](#), along with [IT Learning and 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](#)

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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

- The Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs [website](#)
- Previous issues of this [Digest](#)