

VPFA Updates

Faculty Council
June 4, 2025



Thank You Personnel Action Committee!

Tan Chingfen Graduate School of Nursing PAC members:

- Nancy Morris, PhD, ANP Chair
- Teri Aronowitz, PhD, APRN, FNP-BC, FAAN
- Jill Terrien, PhD

TH Chan School of Medicine PAC Members:

- Romolo Gaspari, MD, PhD Co-Chair
- James Munro, PhD Chair
- Ben Gerber, MD, MPH
- Madelyn Hicks, MD, FRCPsych
- Lori Pbert, PhD
- Muthalagu Ramanathan, MD
- Anil Chandraker, MD
- Kristen Matteson, MD

Welcome new PAC members!

TH Chan School of Medicine New Members:

- Yael Dvir, MD
- Alison Karasz, PhD

TH Chan School of Medicine Renominated Members:

- James Munro, PhD
- Madelyn Hicks, MD, FRCPsych
- Kristen Matteson, MD, MPH

Faculty Support: Central website



This page has been created to share the most up-to-date administrative guidance with faculty, academic administrators and other members of the UMass Chan community during this uncertain time. Updates will be added as needed. Questions should be directed to the relevant office (e.g. Office of Faculty Affairs or Human Resources) or emailed to advancingtogether@umassmed.edu.



Guidance on budgets and related questions



Federal orders, actions and legal updates



FAQs and resources for faculty



Recent leadership announcements



Information about NIH grant administration and funding



Manager resources, EAP and more



International travel advice



Immigration & border policy special bulletin

(login credentials required)



Faculty Support: Drop-In Group

To support our faculty community, we are holding a weekly Faculty Support Drop-In Group, a safe space to connect, share experiences, and access resources in a supportive environment.

This virtual group is **open to all faculty members** and provides an opportunity for informal discussion, mutual support, and guidance.

Whether you're seeking strategies for navigating challenges, looking for community, or simply needing a place to talk, we welcome you to join us.

Wednesdays (started March 26) **12:00-1:00pm**



Facilitated by Dr. Mary Ahn
Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs



Announcements: WFC Awards

CHRISTINE K. CASSEL, MD '76 FACULTY SCHOLAR AWARD

Tara Kumaraswami, MD, MPH

Associate Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

SARAH STONE EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD

Vandana Nagpal, MD

Associate Professor, Department of Medicine

SCIENCE AND HEALTH ACHIEVEMENTS AWARD

Amy Walker, PhD

Associate Professor, Program in Molecular Medicine

EARLY CAREER ACHIEVEMENT IN SCIENCE AND HEALTH AWARD

Jamie Faro, PhD, MS

*Assistant Professor, Department of Population and Quantitative
Health Sciences*

EXCELLENCE IN CLINICAL SERVICE AWARD

Abita Raj, MD

*Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral
Sciences*

OUTSTANDING MENTORING AWARD

Kristen Matteson, MD, MPH

Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Wynne S. Morgan, MD

*Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral
Sciences*

Announcements: JFDP AY26

The Junior Faculty Development Program **application for 2025-26 opened on June 1!**

All faculty from all UMass Chan schools and campuses who are at the level of Instructor and Assistant Professor, are eligible to apply.

Applications are due **July 15, 2025**.

Please note that in recognition of budgetary constraints and to support our faculty and departments, there will be no program fee for the 2025-2026 academic year. Participation in the JFDP will be free of charge for accepted applicants.



Announcements: Call for Proposals

We want to showcase & share your expertise!

The annual call for faculty development session proposals is now open. All faculty are eligible to submit a proposal for the 2025-26 *Advance* program. The monthly *Advance* series is designed to address areas in which faculty are evaluated as part of the promotions process: **educational effectiveness**, **scholarship**, and **academic reputation**.

Proposals are **due by August 1, 2025**.



Faculty Development- Upcoming APR Trainings

Annual performance reviews for clinical faculty open in early June 2025 (deadlines in late August).

Two live 1-hour Zoom training sessions **for Chairs/Supervisors**.



3:00-4:00pm



7:00-8:00am



Faculty Development- Upcoming



Workshops 101: How To Design & Deliver Engaging Workshop Experiences

June 24 | 12:00-1:00pm

This virtual session will cover the basics of workshop design and delivery including pacing, activity creation and integration of didactics. We will discuss strategies for keeping participants engaged and creating useful workshop experiences that meet learning objectives. Special attention will be paid to designing and delivering workshops that work for in-person or virtual contexts.



Facilitated by Emily Green, PhD, MA
Associate Vice Provost for Faculty Development



Faculty Development- Upcoming



NEW Summer Scholarship Writing Circles

Mondays in June & July | 12:00-1:00pm

Have you been putting off that scholarly project? Have you had difficulty making time to write? Summer Scholarship Writing Circles provide the space and time for you to make progress on that paper, presentation or curriculum. The hybrid (in-person and virtual) sessions will consist mostly of quiet writing time, with an opportunity to get support from your faculty peers. Hold yourself accountable by registering and putting these brown-bag sessions on your calendar today!



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Faculty Development- Upcoming



Session #1: **Academic Appointments & Promotions**

Overview of benefits of academic affiliation to career success, resources available to UMass Chan faculty, the promotions process and eligibility criteria; Discussion of rationale for pursuing promotion



Session #2: **Faculty Professional Identity**

Overview of the "basic file" including CVs, narrative statements and letters of evaluation; Discussion of CVs and narrative statements as reflection of professional identity; Discussion of leveling up- moving from membership to leadership and increasing academic impact



Session #3: **Scholarly Productivity**

Overview of the role of scholarship in academic advancement; Discussion of scholarship quantity and quality, what "counts" as scholarship and strategies to maximize productivity

***NEW* Faculty Development Program:** **Academic Faculty Success**

Academic Faculty Success (AFS) is a three-session program designed to provide UMass Chan faculty with **essential information about academic advancement** and promotion.

Program Details

The program is delivered virtually and is open to faculty across all schools and campuses, and at all ranks and tracks. Each of the three sessions is designed as a "stand-alone" experience and faculty can join the one, two or three that are most relevant to them. The sessions are one-hour in length (**5:00-6:00pm**) and ample time will be provided for Q & A during each. AFS will be offered annually starting in September 2025.



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We want to communicate with you!

Forwarding your @umassmed.edu emails

HOW TO: Forward UMass Chan Medical School emails to a different email address

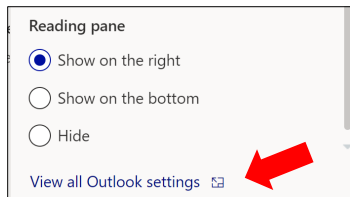
1. Go to Outlook on the web (you cannot do this using the Outlook app) <https://outlook.live.com/owa/> and sign in using your UMass Chan Medical School email address (@umassmed.edu).

Forgot your UMass username or password? Contact the Help Desk: (508) 856-8643 or umasschanhelpdesk@umassmed.edu

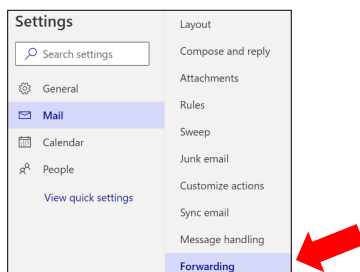
2. Once in your email account, click on the Settings gear located in the top right corner of the screen.



3. Click "View all Outlook settings" at the bottom of the menu.



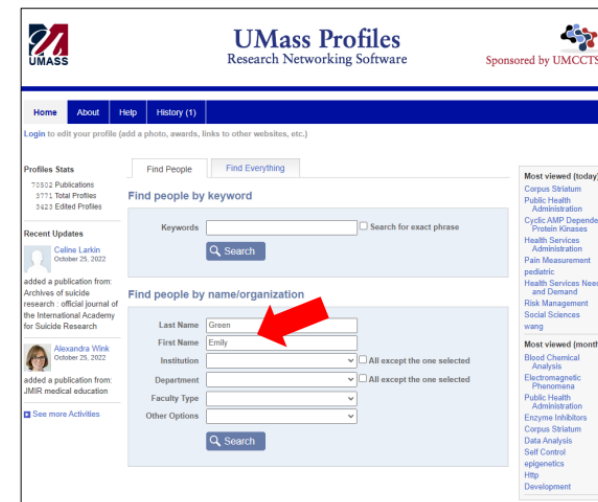
4. Under Mail settings, choose "Forwarding"



Changing your preferred email

HOW TO: Change how UMass Chan Medical School communicates with you

1. Check your faculty profile. <https://profiles.umassmed.edu/search/>



2. Check the email address listed on your profile. This email is the one UMass Chan uses to send out important information, opportunities, and resources. *If this email address is not one that you check regularly, request a change.*



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