

2025 Travel Assistance Grant is Now Open

As part of the Provost's commitment to supporting faculty development and enhancement, full-time tenure or non-tenure assistant and associate professors are eligible to apply for travel assistance if they are presenting original scholarship as a primary author at a national/international professional conference or creative activity at an exhibition, performance, or other related professional venue.

Up to 20 applicants could receive up to \$700 of travel assistance if selected/accepted to present as a primary author, artist, or performer. Before travel, an expense authorization should be completed through the home department. To receive reimbursement, awardees must submit their expense report number in Workday to the Office for Faculty Affairs upon completion of their travel.

Applicants must:

Be accepted or invited to a professional conference, exhibition, or performance.

Be primary author, artist, or performer.

Receive endorsement from their department chair/head as part of the application packet.

Be 100% appointed faculty.

For international travel, please provide expense authorization while applying for travel funding.

Acknowledge receiving funding support from the Provost's Office.

Applications are open through Dec. 6, 2024, for conference travel Jan. 1 through June 30, 2025. Click this [link](#) to apply.

SEC Academic Leadership Development Program Cohort Travel to the University of Mississippi



Four academic leaders from the University of Arkansas – Kristin Higgins, Suzanne Kucharczyk, Shauna Morimoto, and Jeffrey Wolchok – attended a four-day workshop at the University of Mississippi. The workshop, held between October 6 and October 9, brought together more than 60 academic leaders from SEC institutions. The workshop aimed to equip these rising leaders with the tools and insights needed to prepare them for the next phase of their careers in academic leadership. Through presentations, interactive sessions, and networking opportunities, participants explored a range of leadership-related activities within the broader context of the unique challenges faced by academic institutions.

Looking ahead, the University of Arkansas is set to host the next SEC ALDP Spring workshop from February 18-21, 2025. The event will build on the fall workshop, offering fellows more professional growth and collaboration opportunities.

We are Accepting Applications for the Provost Award for Departmental Excellence in Mentoring

Purpose

The annual Award for Departmental Excellence in Faculty Mentoring will be awarded to the department or academic unit on campus that best displays excellence in onboarding and mentoring of early-career and mid-career faculty, including tenure track and non-tenure track faculty. The winning department will receive \$8,000 and a trophy. The unit's name will be placed on a university plaque housed in that department for a year. The Award is sponsored by the Office of the Provost and the Office for Faculty Affairs.

Eligibility

All academic tenure-home units are eligible to apply for the award. The winner will not be eligible for the following two academic years.

Selection Process

The seven-member selection committee, comprised of representatives from academic colleges and the Office of the Provost, will review the documents, assess how they reflect the three criteria detailed below, and choose one recipient of the Award. The committee will complete the selection process by March 15.

Criteria for Selection

Applications will be assessed on the following two criteria:

How does your department demonstrate its sustained commitment to excellence in new faculty onboarding and mentoring of early-career and mid-career faculty?

How does your department demonstrate commitment to the professional development of faculty mentors and mentees?

For details on how to apply and to access the application go to the Faculty Affairs [website](#).

Please Nominate Your Outstanding Faculty Mentor

To assist the Office for Faculty Affairs with promoting excellence in mentoring and recognizing outstanding faculty mentors, we encourage non-tenure track, pre-tenure, and mid-career faculty members on our campus to consider acknowledging their faculty mentors. Outstanding mentors assist their mentees with building excellence in teaching, research, and/or service while encouraging a healthy balance of work and home life. They cultivate faculty career advancement and belonging.

Outstanding mentors assist mentees in building their professional networks, advocate for their mentees, and create avenues for mentee recognition. They demonstrate commitment to fostering mentees' professional development and promote mutually beneficial mentoring relationships. For more information on the nomination process or to nominate please visit our [website](#).

The Inaugural PostDoctoral Professional Development Workshop Series

Postdoctoral Professional Development Workshop Series & Networking Opportunities are offered by the Office for Faculty Affairs and the Division of Research and Innovation.

The year-long workshop for 2024-2025 is held the first Tuesday of every month from 3-4:30 p.m. The workshop series will support attendees in creating an individual development plan, provide career development guidance and cover topics such as balancing teaching and research, writing grant proposals, effective teaching practices, creating a competitive CV, applying and interviewing for jobs, and more. The workshop will utilize the acclaimed book "*The Professor is In: The Essential Guide to Turning Your Ph.D. Into a Job*" as its framework.

Goal

To empower and support the professional and personal success for postdoctoral candidates.

What the Program Provides

The workshop series uses best practice approaches to provide insight and support in research, teaching, grant writing, mentoring, and preparing for the academy or industry.



Professional Development Opportunities at your own pace

The University of Arkansas is an institutional member of the Faculty Success Program by **NCFDD**

The mission of the NCFDD is “Empowering faculty for lasting success with programs, coaching, and on-demand support.”

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UA ENGAGE -- Empower. Lead. Transform.
Women in STEM at the U of A

The University of Arkansas is proud to be a NSF ADVANCE campus and Faculty Affairs plays a key role in the programming and initiation of UA ENGAGE activities. We are honored to recognize the excellent women researchers in our STEM and across all other academic units. For more information on UA ENGAGE, visit the [website](#).

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