

The staff of the Office of Faculty Affairs will be working remotely until further notice. During this time we will be conducting business as usual by phone, email, and videoconference. Please do not hesitate to contact us at [faculty.affairs@umassmed.edu](mailto:faculty.affairs@umassmed.edu) if you have questions or need guidance.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

Tuesdays | 1:00 pm | Zoom

Please join the UMMS Leadership for a weekly update on the campus and the challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic. More information [here](#).

Find the latest UMMS campus news and resources at [umassmed.edu/coronavirus](https://umassmed.edu/coronavirus)



### FACULTY COUNCIL

Thursday, May 7, 2020 | 4:00–5:00 pm | Zoom

The Faculty Council considers issues and matters of interest to the faculty and advises the Chancellor, the Provost, other senior administrators as appropriate, and the Executive Council on substantive matters. All faculty are welcome to attend the monthly Faculty Council meetings. Join by Zoom [here](#).



### PREPARING FOR PROMOTION WORKSHOP

Wednesday, May 13, 2020 | 8:00–11:00 am | Zoom

Sponsor: Office of Faculty Affairs

This workshop is designed for UMMS faculty who are considering promotion in the near future. It will focus specifically on selecting your Area of Distinction and writing a Narrative Statement.

The workshop will be offered by Zoom. For more information and to register, see [here](#).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### COVID-19 UMMS ONLINE DISCUSSION BOARDS

Sponsor: Business Development and Innovation

These boards are meant to aid and consolidate discussions around **COVID-19 UMMS Research**, **COVID-19 UMMS Resources**, **COVID-19 General Scientific Updates** and **Funding Opportunities**. These are all secure discussion boards available only to those with UMMS sign-in credentials. Link [here](#).

If you have questions or suggestions please contact [innovation@umassmed.edu](mailto:innovation@umassmed.edu) or [sofia.braag@umassmed.edu](mailto:sofia.braag@umassmed.edu)



### UMASS ZOOMATHON!

12:00 pm, Friday, May 1 – 12:00 pm, Saturday, May 2, 2020 | Zoom

Please join us for the first-ever **UMass Zoomathon!**, a 24-hour live Zoom fundraiser to support the efforts of the DCU Center Field Hospital. This event was created to combat feelings of social isolation, while uniting our UMass community under a great cause. Members of the community are encouraged to participate in a 24-hour calendar of Live Zoom events ranging from workout classes and trivia hours to surprise fun appearances from UMass faculty. Please consider donating to our GoFundMe [here](#) or make an incentive-based pledge that will be showcased during the live Zoomathon [here](#). For more information and to RSVP see [here](#).



### VIRTUAL CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

April 30 – May 18, 2020 | Zoom

Sponsor: Lamar-Soutter Library

New and exciting classes and workshops are being offered by the LSL librarians. These classes will explore different resources for searching and managing literature along with traditional and alternative metrics for measuring scholarship. Topics include Altmetrics, Zotero, PubMed and Endnote.

For more information and to register see [here](#).

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### MENTORED CAREER DEVELOPMENT (KL2) AWARD—*Nomination Deadline Extended to 6/22/2020!*

Sponsor: The UMass Center for Clinical and Translational Science (UMCCTS)



A major goal of the UMCCTS is to develop and support the next generation of leaders in clinical and translational research. The **KL2 Training Program** combines coursework, seminars, and mentored research to provide transdisciplinary training that encompasses the full spectrum of translational research. Up to three awards will be made depending on the receipt of meritorious applications and the availability of funds. One award will focus on enhancing faculty racial/ethnic diversity and will be available for funding meritorious applications from eligible scholars from racial/ethnic underrepresented minority groups.

Interested applicants are invited to attend an informational meeting on at 1:00–2:00 pm, Monday, May 11, 2020 (ASC7.2069); to participate via Zoom: Call 646.876.9923; Meeting ID: 568.220.9338.

Candidates must submit a letter of intent and supporting materials by 5:00 pm on **June 22, 2020**, to [CCTS@umassmed.edu](mailto:CCTS@umassmed.edu). Complete information about the KL2 program is [here](#).

### REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

Sponsor: iDAPT Developing Cancer Center



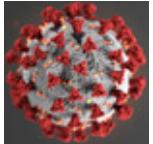
National Institutes of Health

The iDAPT (Implementation & Informatics: Developing Adaptable Processes and Technologies for Cancer Control) Developing Cancer Center, supported by the National Cancer Institute, is seeking applications for pilot studies. Pilot studies can be observational, experimental, and quasi-experimental studies, and are intended to be executed within clinical systems associated with UMMS. Individual project awards (up to \$75,000 for 12-24 months) will be made on a competitive basis. A two-page Letter of Intent is due on May 1, 2020 (encouraged but not required) — if the COVID-19 pandemic is impacting your ability to submit a LOI, please contact Jessica Wijesundara ([jessica.wijesundara@umassmed.edu](mailto:jessica.wijesundara@umassmed.edu)) to let the iDAPT team know that you are interested in applying. For more information see [here](#). The full application is due on **June 30, 2020**.

## COVID-19 RESOURCES FOR FACULTY

### COVID-19 UPDATE

Sponsor: National Academy of Sciences (NAS)



This special late-breaking session on COVID-19 at the 157<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the NAS provided the audience with deeper insights into the latest developments in the COVID-19 response. The session was chaired by National Academy of Medicine President Victor Dzau; panelists provided their own perspective and experience on dealing with this pandemic and included Anthony Fauci (Director, NIAID) and George F. Gao (Director-General, Chinese Center for Disease Control & Prevention). View video [here](#).

### COVID-19 AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS RESOURCES



Sponsor: Lamar-Soutter Library

An extensive library guide on COVID-19, with freely available information from publishers, an excellent collection of citations at the Yale Cushing/Whitney Medical Library, pre-built searches in databases from the National Library of Medicine and NIH, and more. See [here](#).

eScholarship@UMMS has a collection of UMMS-authored papers on COVID-19 [here](#).



### EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP)

Anyone seeking individual guidance on a personal issue should contact the EAP directly at 800-322-5327, [eap@umassmed.edu](mailto:eap@umassmed.edu) or see the [EAP website](#)

On the UMassMemorial Hub, there is a site for Wellness & Support [here](#) (limited to UMMHC employees).



### LISTING PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 IN YOUR APR/CV

Faculty members scheduled to give presentations at professional meetings or other institutions that were cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic may list these presentations in their APR or CV with an appropriate annotation: “Presentation cancelled because of COVID-19 pandemic.”



## COVID-16 RESOURCES FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS WITH SERIOUS MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS

Sponsor: Transitions to Adulthood Center for Research

The UMMS Transitions to Adulthood Center for Research aims to support youth and young adults, ages 14-30, with serious mental health conditions to successfully complete schooling and training and move into rewarding work lives. We have put together COVID-19 resources for young adults with serious mental health conditions, their providers, and their family members. These resources include webinars, printed products, and links to helpful resources that can be found [here](#).

## UMASS MEMORIAL CENTER FOR MINDFULNESS



Keeping your mind focused on what you are doing right now can be helped with regular meditation practice. There are a variety of virtual options for clinicians and all caregivers throughout the week:

Monday, 7:00–8:00 pm: [The Center for Mindfulness' Monday Night Meditation Community](#)

Thursday, 12:10–12:50 pm: [The Center for Mindfulness' Thursday Global Online Meditation Community](#)

For more information about the UMass Memorial Center for Mindfulness, see [here](#).

## CULTIVATING MINDFULNESS AT THIS CRITICAL MOMENT



Daily Practices and Inquiry with Jon Kabat-Zinn

Daily, April 27May , 2020 | 2:00–3:00pm | Zoom/livestream

Jon Kabat-Zinn will lead daily meditations, with a talk and Q & A everyday this week. For more information (and recordings of previous sessions) see [here](#); to register see [here](#); Zoom link [here](#).

## ONLINE COVID-19 RESOURCES



**Rush University Center for Innovative and Lifelong Learning** — [link](#)

A curated list of resources on clinical and self-care, working and managing remotely, and best practices for designing on-line learning.

There are several excellent online resources for coping with the COVID-19 pandemic:

**Action Collaborative on Clinician Well-Being and Resilience** — [link](#)

National Academy of Medicine

**Guide to Mental Health Resources for COVID-19** — [link](#)

Department of Psychiatry, Massachusetts General Hospital

**Resources to Support Your Mental Health During the COVID-19 Outbreak** — [link](#)

Department of Psychiatry, UCSF

Emotional Resilience During the COVID-19 Crisis: Practices for Health Care Providers Webinar Series — [link](#)



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES & DONATIONS

**UMMS Office of Student Life—Volunteer Opportunities:** Faculty may be interested in the list of volunteer opportunities for students compiled by the Office of Student Life [here](#).

**Blood Donations:** If you're feeling healthy and well, you can make an appointment to donate apheresis platelets by calling 508-421-1950 or you can call 800-RED-CROSS or visit the American Red Cross [website](#) to donate whole blood.

The **Community Donation Center** is open for non-medical, non-perishable donations at Hahnemann Campus Grovesnor building. Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm & 1:00 – 4:00 pm. For information or related questions, contact [communitydonations@umassmemorial.org](mailto:communitydonations@umassmemorial.org) or call 508-334-9178

## RESOURCES



The Office of Faculty Affairs has revised the online information and resources related to the revised Academic Personnel Policy. Visit the OFA website at [www.umassmed.edu/ofa/academic](http://www.umassmed.edu/ofa/academic) for information regarding the eligibility and criteria for promotion and tenure, areas of distinction, the basic file, and categories of appointment. The revised Academic Personnel Policy is available online [here](#).