EVENTS

2021 UMMS CONVOCATION EVENTS – SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

A Celebration of Faculty: Convocation and Investiture
Thursday, September 9, 2021, 4 p.m.
Albert Sherman Center Auditorium

Graduate School of Nursing Pinning Ceremony
Monday, September 13, 2021, 6 p.m.
Faculty Conference Room

Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences Recognition Ceremony
Tuesday, September 14, 2021, 3 p.m.
Albert Sherman Center Auditorium

School of Medicine White Coat Ceremony
Friday, September 17, 2021
The Hanover Theater
11 a.m. Class of 2024
Keynote Speaker: Sarah Cheeseman, MD
4 p.m. Class of 2025
Keynote Speaker: Frank Domino, MD

UMMS 26th ANNUAL RESEARCH RETREAT – **SAVE THE DATE**
October 28 – 29, 2021 | Virtual
Sponsor: UMCCTS
We cordially invite you to attend the UMMS 26th Annual Research Retreat, October 28th & 29th highlighting the exciting work happening at UMASS Medical School. This program will be virtual, so please look for more announcements and registration information as we get closer to the fall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARING ENGINEERS FOR PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE - CALL FOR PROBLEM STATEMENTS
Sponsor: UMCCTS
Deadline: August 6, 2021
UMass Lowell’s engineering students complete a senior design project. To provide realism to this course, we invite UMMS Faculty to develop problem statements for the students to solve in this course. The problem statement will identify a pressing health care/laboratory problem, and if a project is selected, the faculty sponsor will be invited to help mentor the student team over the two semesters. Click here for more information

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES
TRANSFORMING CONFLICT INTO COLLABORATION
Sponsor: Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC)
July 20/22, Sept 21/23, and Oct 26/28, 2021 – VIRTUAL SEMINAR

No matter how you try to avoid it, conflict in the workplace is inevitable, and in these emotionally charged times, it can escalate quickly. When differing ideas, perceptions, and priorities lead to conflict with others, how you respond can affect whether the experience is ultimately positive or negative. Join us for the Transforming Conflict into Collaboration Virtual Workshop and discover practical strategies for making difficult conversations more productive and for creating a respectful environment in which to resolve conflict.

2021 MINORITY FACULTY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR
Sponsor: Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC)
September 12-13, 2021 – VIRTUAL SEMINAR

The AAMC has added a second installment of its Minority Faculty Leadership Development Seminar to meet demand. If you are an instructor, senior clinical and research fellow, or assistant professor, this seminar can help you build the competencies and skills you need to advance your career. The registration process for the 2021 AAMC Minority Faculty Leadership Development Seminar includes completion of a pre-seminar survey and selection of breakout sessions. Registration will open at the end of July/early August. Please direct questions to minfac@aamc.org. Register here.

AAMC MID-CAREER MINORITY FACULTY SEMINAR
Sponsor: Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC)
October 27-28, 2021 – VIRTUAL SEMINAR

The AAMC Mid-Career Minority Faculty Seminar will take place Oct. 27-28, 2021 and is uniquely designed for associate professor level faculty who are members of underrepresented racial and ethnic minority groups. Attendees will gain many benefits during this virtual program, which will address the specific needs of mid-career faculty from a culturally responsive approach, including how to:

- Assess professional development goals and identify strategies and tools for promotion and tenure
- Develop key professional competencies in academic leadership
- Enhance leadership skills in the areas of communication, team building, change management, and work-life balance
- Expand your network of colleagues and sponsors

Applications Open: July 2
Applications Close: Aug. 26

LEARN, SERVE LEAD 2021 ANNUAL MEETING – THE VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE
Sponsor: Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC)
November 8-10, 2021 – VIRTUAL

During five live plenary sessions, six sessions in our acclaimed Voices of Medicine and Society series, and 30 breakout sessions, you’ll hear how the profession’s leaders are paving the way to effectively confront the issues of today — and tomorrow. You’ll have a chance to discuss these ideas while connecting with old friends and meeting new ones during numerous networking opportunities. Registration opens in July.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR FOR WOMEN FACULTY IN MEDICINE AND SCIENCE
Sponsor: Association for American Medical Colleges (AAMC)
December 7-9, 2021 – VIRTUAL SEMINAR

The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed new challenges and barriers for women faculty in medicine and science, who are trying to achieve promotion and advancement during a time of great disruption and uncertainty. Research shows that scholarly productivity vastly reduced as women are balancing personal and professional responsibilities, making it more difficult to prepare for advancement and gain visibility for their work. The seminar’s curriculum is designed to provide women physicians and scientists, at the assistant and associate professor level, with skills and strategies to help navigate and direct their careers and seek opportunities pursuant to achieving their leadership goals. For more information click here.
**SYSTEMATIC REVIEW SUPPORT SERVICE**

Sponsor: Lamar Soutter Library

Are you planning on conducting a systematic review? Let a librarian help! We can create robust search strategies, translate that search across databases, locate full text, and more! Get in touch with us [here](#).

**PREPARING FOR PROMOTION RECORDING NOW AVAILABLE**

The Office of Faculty Affairs previously held a series of workshops to guide faculty through the promotion process. While these workshops are currently not available, a previous virtual session with Dr. Robert Milner was recorded and is available for viewing. The session can be found [here](#).

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](#).