ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW FACULTY ORIENTATION
January 11, 2022 | 8:00–10:00 am | VIRTUAL *SAVE THE DATE*
Sponsor: Office of Faculty Affairs
The goal of the orientation is to provide new faculty at all levels with a foundation for a successful academic and professional career at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School. Keep an eye out for more information coming soon.

POS AFFINITY GROUP
Sponsor: AALANA
The People of Color Affinity Group aims to create a safe space where those who have experienced structural oppression, marginalization and/or other micro-aggressions can share their experiences with others who have a shared sense of identity. This is a place for connection, mentorship and support to promote belongingness, healing and development of a collective power. The Worcester Family Medicine SOAR (Structural Oppression & Anti-Racism) Committee founded this group for residents, fellows and faculty of UMass Chan residency programs, as well as UMass Chan students and faculty. If you are interested in learning more about the People of Color Affinity Group and to get an email about our upcoming first meeting in November, please complete the Google form.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Involve students in your research or curriculum development: SUMMER PROGRAM 2022
Sponsor: Office of Undergraduate Medical Education
The School of Medicine provides a 4-week stipend for rising 2nd-year students to participate in a one-month Research and Curriculum Exploration Summer Program (RCE).

If you are interested in hosting a student, please see the email sent 11/15/21 and complete the survey by January 5th. The survey also available on the OUME website: UMMS OUME Student Research Opportunities (umassmed.edu) Your responsibilities include:
- Identify a component of your work suitable for this level of learner and timeframe
- Support the student’s learning during the summer experience
- Facilitate a small group to help students learn about research and poster development
- Participate at the end of the summer poster session (providing feedback to learners)

Contact Mirela.Skaka@umassmed.edu with any program questions.
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.

CORE SKILLS WORKSHOP
Sponsor: DRIVE (Diversity, Representation, and Inclusion for Value in education)
October 1, 2021 – December 20, 2021
UMass Chan faculty are invited to register now for a DRIVE Core Skills Workshop. We’ll review all six sections of the new and improved Curriculum Appraisal Tool and discuss their application to your own teaching materials. We ask that you complete the introductory Independent Learning Module (ILM) before attending the workshop. You can access the ILM at https://www.umassmed.edu/dio/initiatives/drive/. More information and registration for the workshop can be found here.

TEACHING OF TOMORROW (TOT) COURSE 2022
Sponsor: Departments of Family Medicine and Community Health, Medicine, & Pediatrics
January 7-8, 2022 and March 25-26, 2022
TOT focuses on building and refining foundational skills for effective clinical teaching in both the inpatient and ambulatory settings. Preceptors from any specialty and discipline will enhance their clinical teaching skills through discourse and practice. TOT also provides valuable opportunities to network with other clinician educators. Our award-winning faculty utilize the principles of adult learning, drawing on participants’ experience and building knowledge through dialogue. The conference provides frequent opportunities to practice and assess new skills in a safe and fun environment. Additional information can be found here. Registration can be found here.

RESOURCES
SYSTEMATIC REVIEW SUPPORT SERVICE
Sponsor: Lamar Soutter Library
Are you planning on conducting a systematic review? Let a librarian help! The Systematic Review Support Service now provides access to Covidence for systematic review teams that partner with a librarian. Covidence is an SR screening tool that streamlines the SR process and saves researchers a lot of time. Find out more about how librarians can support your reviews and get in touch with us here.

PREPARING FOR PROMOTION RECORDING
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 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.

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