

VPFA Updates

Executive Council
May 21, 2026



Annual Performance Reviews are LIVE!

School Employed faculty:
May 31, 2026

- Pre-populated with last year's goals
- 89% faculty complete
- 68% supervisor complete

Dual Employed Physicians
and UMMH Only faculty:
September 1, 2026

- Login with
UMassmed.edu OR
UMassmemorial.org
emails

Faculty APR Resources

Softdocs

Weekly open office hours

Wednesdays @1pm
(started March 4)



Guides & recorded trainings

The [APR: Overview and Guidance](#) document is designed to help faculty complete their APR and prepare for the discussion with their supervisor.



[Resources for Faculty](#)



[Resources for Chairs & Supervisors](#)



[Resources for Administrative Staff](#)

Chancellor's Medals

Call for Nominations

Submission Deadline: June 3, 2026



These prestigious awards are presented at the Convocation / Investiture Ceremony at the start of each academic year.

- ❖ Medal for Clinical Excellence
- ❖ Medal for Distinguished Scholarship
- ❖ Medal for Distinguished Service
- ❖ Medal for Distinguished Teaching



Nomination requirements and timeline

Initial nominations consisting of the nominee's CV and a one-page nomination are due to the committees* by June 3, 2026.

The selection committees will choose finalists for in-depth review, and nominators will be contacted for further information by the week of June 22, 2026.

Final nomination packets will be due July 15, 2026. The selection committees will make recommendations to the chancellor, who will ultimately announce the medal recipients at the 2026 Convocation/Investiture Ceremony.

In order to ensure that each candidate is evaluated on the basis of similar documentation, materials in excess of that which is requested will not be considered.

*Send all initial nominations and/or questions about the nomination process to Kimberly LaPerle: kimberly.laperle@umassmed.edu or 508-856-8992.



Faculty Development- Upcoming



Financial Wellness for Faculty

Save Well (Session 1 of 3)

May 19 | 12:00-1:00pm

In this first of three sessions on financial wellness for faculty, you will learn to manage your significantly increased cash flow and the risks that can jeopardize the integrity of your personal finances. We will focus on the first step of planning for a successful retirement: Helping you understand your retirement goals and the factors that will impact those goals. *This session is open to all faculty and is especially appropriate for early career clinicians and researchers.*



Invest Well (Session 2 of 3)

June 9 | 12:00-1:00pm

In this second of three sessions on financial wellness for faculty, we will cover how you can manage your cash flow to maximize the tax and market opportunities to accumulate wealth. From identifying levels of risk tolerance to exploring the investment vehicles available to you, we provide a clearer picture of how to grow a nest egg by investing it. *This session is open to all faculty clinicians and researchers.*



Protect Well (Session 3 of 3)

June 23 | 12:00-1:00pm

In this third of three sessions on financial wellness for faculty, we will cover how you can protect your ability to make and save money. Even more importantly, we cover how you can protect yourself financially against the unexpected hardships that life can throw your way. Learn the financial risk factors associated with transitions from active practice to active retirement, and how you can successfully address end of life financial and estate planning issues. *This session is open to all faculty and is especially appropriate for mid-senior career clinicians and researchers.*

These sessions are facilitated by Baystate Financials. Sessions are for informational purposes only- there is no expectation of purchasing of services.



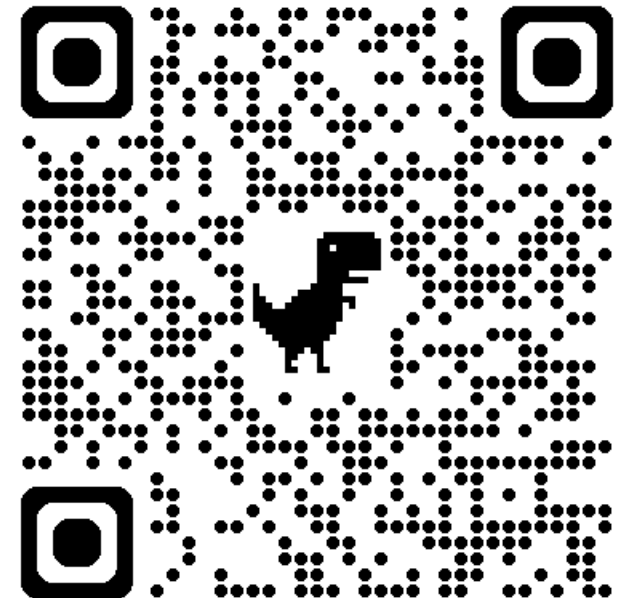
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Weekly Summer Scholarship Writing Circles

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. These 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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Junior Faculty Development Program- Information Sessions

June 15 | 12:00-1:00pm

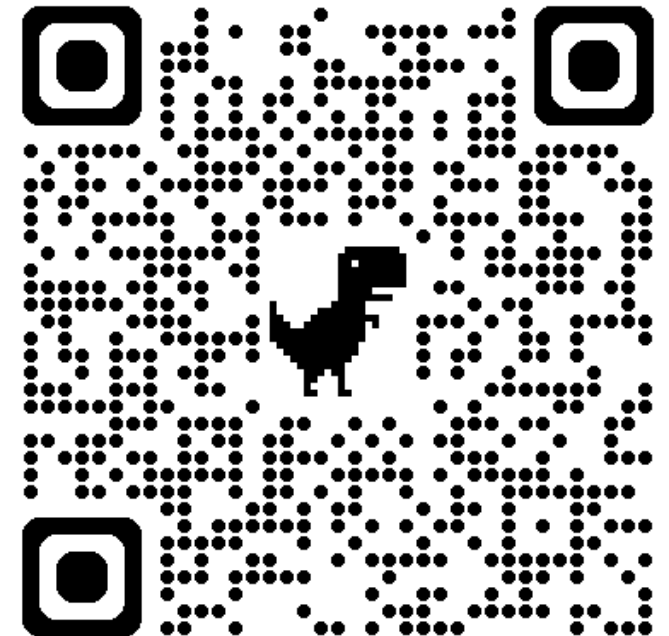
June 18 | 4:00-5:00pm

The application for UMass Chan Medical School's Junior Faculty Development Program will open soon!



The JFDP is an intensive, longitudinal, and foundational faculty development program that consists of a comprehensive curriculum in topics on research, education & academic/career development, and an independent scholarly project conducted under the guidance of a senior faculty mentor. All faculty from all UMass Chan schools and campuses, who are at the level of Instructor and Assistant Professor, are eligible.

To learn more about this year's JFDP please attend one of our virtual information sessions.



Junior Faculty Development Program

2025-2026 Cohort Graduation

June 9, 2026

5:30-7:30pm

Albert Sherman Center's Cube



Event Announcement

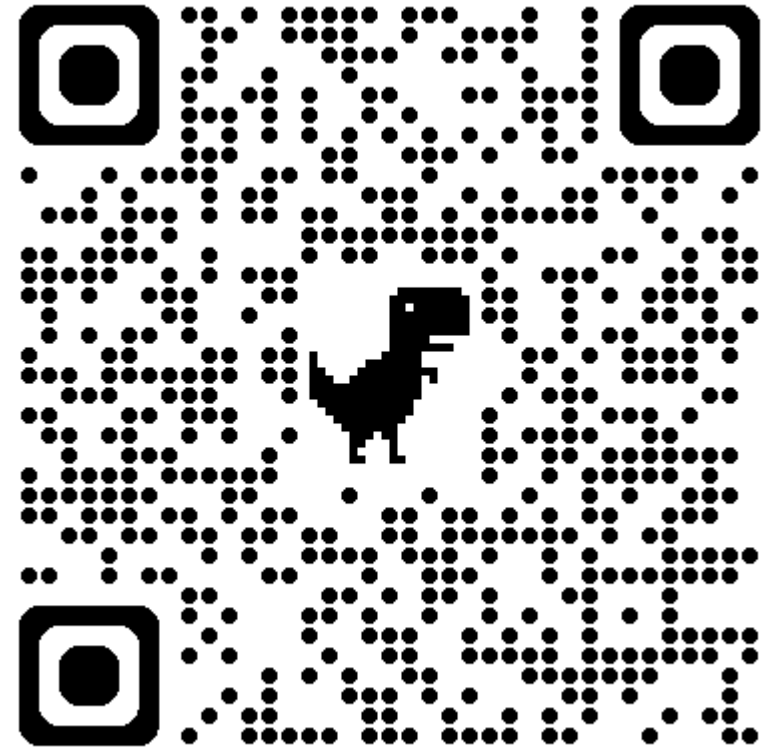
26th Annual Women's Faculty Committee Awards Luncheon

Please join us in recognizing
the recipients of this year's awards.

Thursday, May 21, 2026
11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Albert Sherman Center, ASC Cube
AS3-2119

or

via Zoom
12:00 - 1:00pm



We want to communicate with you!

Forwarding your @umassmed.edu emails

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

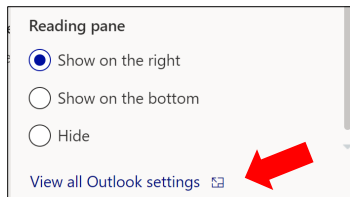
1. Go to Outlook on the web (you cannot do this using the Outlook app) <https://outlook.live.com/owa/> and sign in using your UMass Chan Medical School email address (@umassmed.edu).

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

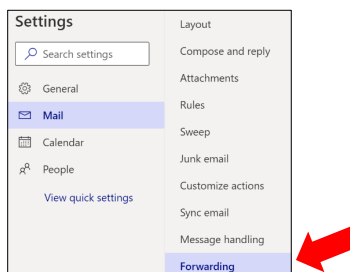
2. Once in your email account, click on the Settings gear located in the top right corner of the screen.



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.



<https://www.umassmed.edu/ofa/about/newswire>