

VPFA Updates

Faculty Council
May 7, 2026



Annual Performance Reviews are LIVE!

School Employed faculty:
May 31, 2026

- Pre-populated with last year's goals
- 53% faculty completion rate to date

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

- Login with UMassmed.edu OR UMassmemorial.org emails

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



Who is eligible?

Faculty members in any of the three schools – medicine, nursing and biomedical sciences – who hold the rank of associate or full professor are eligible for nomination.



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T.H. Chan
School of Medicine



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Tan Chingfen
Graduate School
of Nursing



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Morningside
Graduate School of
Biomedical Sciences



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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 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](#)

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Faculty APR Training for Clinical Faculty:

Mon 5/18/26 at 12 noon
Wed 5/20/26 at 7 am



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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.



Faculty Development- Upcoming



One class, many levels: Teaching learners from 'I got it' to 'I'm totally lost'—all in one session

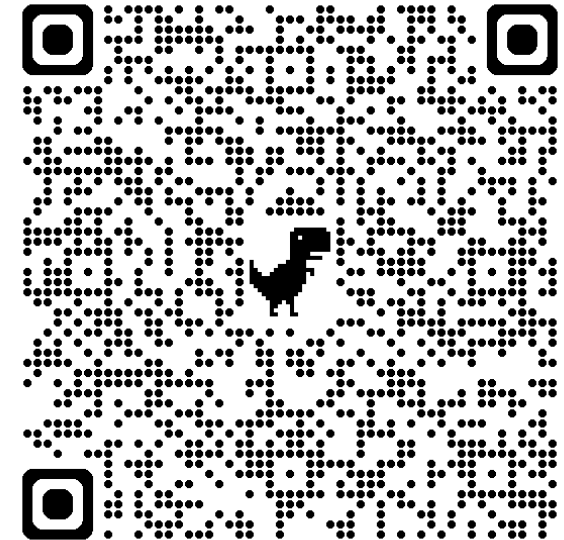
May 20 | 12:00-1:00pm

In-Person, Medical School S1-608

Presenter: Lisa Hall, PhD

This workshop will explore a subject that many educators have found challenging – how do you engage and teach students who are widely stratified in their mastery or understanding of a subject in a single session? The workshop will provide several examples of challenging content, demonstrate several ways educators might attempt to simultaneously “teach all learners,” and discuss approaches that seem to work. Throughout the workshop participants will be encouraged to share their own challenges, approaches and outcomes (both good and bad!) and brainstorm ways that they might address learner stratification.

Co-sponsored by the Office of Faculty Affairs and the Health Education Academy for Leadership & Learning (HEALL), this workshop is part of a Core Series designed to support faculty in their educational endeavors and to help hone their instructional skills.



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

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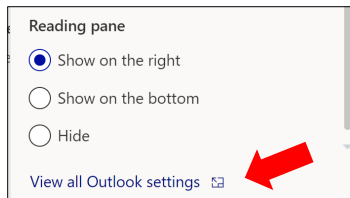
1. Go to Outlook on the web (you cannot do this using the Outlook app) <https://outlook.live.com/owa/> and sign in using your UMass Chan Medical School email address (@umassmed.edu).

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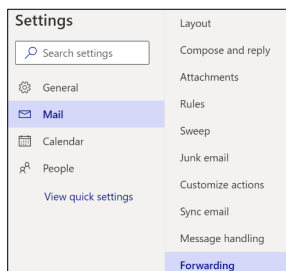
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3. Click "View all Outlook settings" at the bottom of the menu.



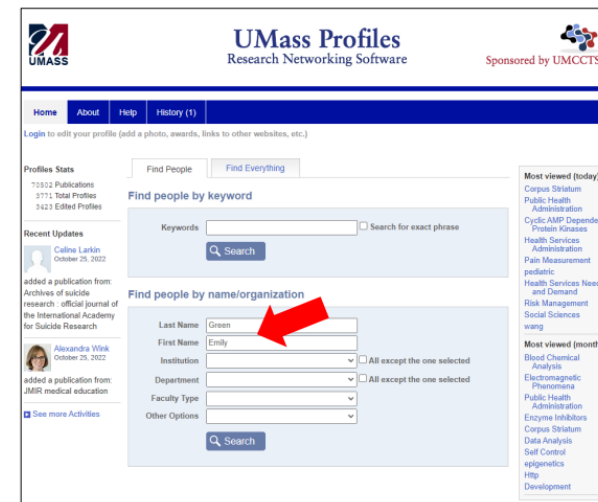
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Changing your preferred email

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.*



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