

## THE FORUM

Dear Colleagues,

I'm thrilled to introduce *The Forum*, NJIT's new faculty newsletter, designed to keep faculty and university lecturers informed and engaged. We recognize the importance of clear and consistent communication, and this newsletter will serve as a central hub for updates and resources relevant to your professional lives. Our goal is to foster a stronger sense of community and ensure that you're well-informed about the opportunities and support available to you through the Office of Faculty Affairs. In *The Forum*, you can expect to find updates on promotion and tenure, professional development, awards and recognition, information for new faculty, funding opportunities, and shared governance.

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### Important Updates from Faculty Affairs

\* **Task force on federal developments** monitors changes and initiatives at the federal level that impact the university. It also coordinates institutional responses and provides guidance. **DO NOT SIGN ANYTHING.** Contact the research office and the provost's office for next steps if you receive correspondence from a funding agency requesting action.

\* **Dr. Lim** has signed [this statement](#) developed in collaboration with university and college presidents and other educational leaders across the country, after national meetings convened by the American Association of Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) and the American Academy of Arts & Sciences.

\* **NJIT Stop Gap Funding Program** established: NJIT is committed to supporting faculty and lecturers whose external research funding has been terminated due to actions of the current federal administration beginning on January 20, 2025. Stop-Gap funding is intended to be temporary and will be allocated subject to the availability of funding. [Additional information.](#)

\* **Recording the Impact of Federal Developments on NJIT Faculty Efforts:** NJIT is dedicated to supporting faculty whose research, teaching, and service have been affected by recent federal actions. To this end, guidelines are provided for faculty members who wish to record the impact of federal actions and developments, for use in promotion and tenure applications. [Additional information.](#)

\* **International students/SEVIS record terminations:** SEVIS is a web-based system for maintaining information on nonimmigrant students and exchange visitors in the United States. In April, twenty-one students' SEVIS records were terminated, putting their legal authorization to work and study in the U.S. at risk. **All were reinstated.** Anyone needing help should contact the [Office of Global Initiatives](#) for advice.

\* **Funded Research impacts:** For information on recent executive orders and their impact on the NJIT research community. [More information.](#)

\* **For PSA members:** Information regarding federal executive orders and potential federal funding cuts. [More information.](#)

\* **Faculty Huddle:** On March 5, the Office of Faculty Affairs hosted the inaugural Faculty Huddle, an open forum to discuss their concerns about federal funding cuts and program impacts and ways to manage these changes. Faculty and staff who would like to have their voices heard are welcome at Faculty Huddles held once a semester. **Rest assured that no comments will be attributed to individuals.**

### Faculty Awards & Recognitions



[Angelo Tarfuni](#)  
[NSF CAREER](#)



[Xiaonan Tai](#)  
[NSF CAREER](#)



[Pier Alexandre Champagne](#)  
[NSF CAREER](#)



[Zephyr Yao - IEEE](#)  
[Computing Top Early](#)  
[Career Professional](#)



[Georgeen Theodore -](#)  
[Fellow, American Institute](#)  
[of Architects](#)



[Vivek Kumar](#)  
[NAI Senior Member](#)



[Xuan Liu](#)  
[NAI Senior Member](#)

If you are planning to apply for a prestigious award, please contact [Dr. Shivon Boodhoo](#) for assistance and advice. [Faculty Awards website.](#)

## Events and Upcoming Deadlines

- **Department chairs workshop** - Tuesday, August 26, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- **Center for Educational Innovation and Excellence (CEIE)**  
**Teaching Launchpad (new faculty)** - Tuesday, August 26, 1-4 p.m.
- **Summer Teaching Conference** - Wednesday, August 27, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- **Convocation and Welcome Brunch** - Friday August 29, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- **Office of Faculty Affairs Events** - Faculty Fridays, Faculty Huddle - [see more](#)
- **2025/2026 Promotion and Tenure Promotion dates:**  
<https://www.njit.edu/provost/promotion-and-tenure>

## Faculty Senate: Your Voice in Shared Governance

The Faculty Senate is responsible for conducting business related to faculty and academic matters. The senate has the authority to recommend policies and procedures; issue appropriate approvals; collaborate, consult, and communicate with other university stakeholder groups and their members, as well as the administration.

Faculty Governance: Please consider joining the senate and/or one of the standing committees to support faculty governance at NJIT. If you are interested in leadership roles or want to champion a particular cause or idea, reach out to the [leadership team](#). Every year, approximately one-third of the Senate seats are up for election. This is an opportunity to get involved and promote faculty governance. Specifically, this spring we are looking for the FS Vice-President for the 2025-26 academic year. FS meetings are open to all faculty.

The senate [meets](#) biweekly throughout the academic year. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your faculty senators with any questions, concerns, or ideas.

## We Want to Hear from You!

Your contributions are valued! We invite you to share your suggestions, news materials, opinions, student success stories, and classroom engagement examples for inclusion in *The Forum*. Please email them to [vpfa@njit.edu](mailto:vpfa@njit.edu) by the 20th of each month. *The Forum* is dedicated to supporting the professional development and community of NJIT faculty.

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