

THE FORUM

Fall Semester Kickoff

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome back! We're thrilled to kick off the fall semester and extend a special welcome to our new faculty and lecturers.

August was a busy month filled with professional development and training. We held our inaugural Chairs Leadership Development Workshop on August 26, which brought together 20 NJIT department chairs and leaders. The workshop, led by Dr. Sadik and our guest speaker Elissa Zylbershlag from Work

Wise Lab, focused on key topics like resource management, communication strategies, delivering effective feedback and building a culture of collaborative problem-solving. Also on August 26, OFA and CEIE hosted a Teaching Launchpad training for our new faculty members.



Chairs Leadership Development Workshop

We look forward to seeing you at the convocation this Friday.

Be sure to also save the date for our first **Faculty Huddle** of the semester on **September 10 from 2:30–4:00 p.m. at the Highlander Club**. It's a great opportunity to connect with your colleagues and recharge for the year ahead.

Omowunmi “Wunmi” Sadik, Ph.D. Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs,
Distinguished Professor of Chemistry and Environmental Science

Faculty Awards & Recognitions

Glenn Goldman received the 2025 ACM SIGGRAPH Distinguished Educator Award and was inducted into the SIGGRAPH Academy



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

Upcoming Events

- New faculty and lecturers orientation - Thursday August 28, 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Convocation - Friday August 29, 8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.
- Welcome Brunch for new faculty and lecturers - Friday August 29, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m
- **Faculty Huddle - September 19 from 2:30–4:00 p.m. at the Highlander Club.**
- Office of Faculty Affairs Events - <https://www.njit.edu/facultyaffairs/event>
- Promotion and Tenure Promotion dates for 2025/2026: <https://www.njit.edu/provost/promotion-and-tenure>

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 or use this [anonymous form](#) by the 15th of each month.

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