

THE FORUM

Dear Colleagues,

I hope you're having a great summer. We're thrilled by the overwhelmingly positive feedback received on the inaugural edition of *The Forum*! It's clear many of you see *The Forum*'s potential in keeping NJIT faculty and lecturers informed and fostering open discussions on topics of mutual interest. This June issue brings you updates from the Federal Actions Task Force, Stop Gap Funding, Guidelines on addressing NSF's Broader Impacts section and much more. We hope you enjoy this issue and check out our [website](#) for ongoing discussions.

The Forum is intended to provide an opportunity for faculty to share ideas, ask questions, and respond to each other's perspectives, ultimately fostering a stronger sense of community and enhancing learning at NJIT. Thus, **the July edition of *The Forum* will be discussion-board style** where we publish a sampling of "Letters to the VPFA." If you have an article, opinion, or question you'd like to share, please submit it via email to VPFA@njit.edu on or before July 15th with responses published in subsequent issues.

Best summer,
Omowunmi "Wunmi" Sadik, Ph.D. Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs,
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Important Updates from Faculty Affairs

* **Task force on federal developments** continues to monitor 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.

* **NJIT** appeared on this [NY Times article](#) as one of the US universities most dependent on international students. NJIT - 23% (10,388), Illinois Tech - 51% (6,571), Michigan - 17% (48,167) and Harvard University - 28% (20,807).

* **International students** should contact the Office of Global Initiatives for advice before completing any international travel and especially if they need to make a visa appointment at a US consulate and are unable to do so - <https://www.njit.edu/global/>

* **Promotion and tenure.** The university P&T committee welcomes faculty to provide a supplemental impact statement detailing the ways in which the federal developments have impacted their package. [Additional information.](#)

* **NJIT Stop Gap Funding Program** established: Stop-Gap funding applications continue to be received to assist faculty who have lost funding due to executive actions. [Additional information.](#)

* **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.](#)

NSF Proposals Broader Impacts section

*The principles of merit, competition, equal opportunity, and excellence are the bedrock of the NSF mission. NSF continues to review all projects using **Intellectual Merit and Broader Impacts** criteria* - NSF April 18, 2025.

Advice on writing the 'Broader Impacts' section of an NSF proposal:

NSF broader impact activities must be open and accessible to all Americans, without singling out any specific groups. The current emphasis is on [broadening participation](#). This means focusing on creating opportunities that are inclusive by design, rather than targeting specific demographics. PIs should think about how their project can:

1. Increase access to STEM education and research for a wider range of individuals across various backgrounds.
2. Engage diverse communities in your research, whether through educational outreach, citizen science initiatives, or partnerships.
3. Promote pathways into STEM fields for all interested and qualified individuals.

As highlighted at the [May 2nd Faculty Fridays event](#), the goal is to articulate how a project will benefit society broadly and contribute to a more inclusive scientific enterprise for everyone in the U.S. This approach aligns with the federal government's commitment to equal opportunity. This page provides information regarding recent executive orders and their impact on the [U.S. National Science Foundation community](#).

Faculty Awards & Recognitions



CAPEES Starlight
Innovation Award



ASEE Distinguished
Teaching Award
(Mid-atlantic section)



Santiago Meneses
HSRU postdoc
fellow
(PI: Simon Garnier)



Francisco Medina
HSRU postdoc
fellow
(PI: Guillermo H.
Jimenez-Aleman)

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.
- **CEIE Teaching Launchpad for new faculty** - Tuesday, August 26, 1 - 4 p.m.
- **CEIE Summer Teaching Conference** - Wednesday, August 27, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- **New faculty orientation** - Thursday August 28, time TBD.
- **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 announcements

* **Promotion and Tenure:** The university P&T committee and the executive committee of faculty senate have approved an updated P&T CV format. Please see the Provost's website for the [template](#).

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 by the 15th of each month. *The Forum* is dedicated to supporting the professional development and community of NJIT faculty.

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