

# Faculty Success Newsletter



## Tips and Resources

**Inside Iowa State.** This online newsletter for university faculty and staff, published by the Office of Strategic Relations and Communications, has been published since 1992 and is your best source for news on campus. Inside Iowa State is published weekly during the academic year and every other week during the summer months. Inside contains news or information of importance to all employees that may not appear in memos, social media or other websites. The newsletter's content helps keep employees informed and better prepared to do their jobs, and also amplifies critical information from senior leaders, University Human Resources, the Iowa Board of Regents and other sources.

In addition to news and informational items, regular features include:

- **Faculty-staff announcements.** Announcements of interest to Iowa State faculty and staff are updated daily.
- Around Campus: selected stories of interest produced by other units across campus.
- Appointments: faculty/staff appointed to new positions or responsibilities.
- Retirements, receptions and open houses.
- Arts and events.
- Learning opportunities (e.g., Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT), University Library offerings).

A companion email message ("Inside Update") detailing new content is sent to every active faculty and staff email address on Thursday mornings. An [archive of Inside Update emails](#) is available.

**Inside Impact**, a sister publication to Inside Iowa State, periodically profiles dedicated faculty and staff doing unique or excellent work. An annual edition released during the fall semester highlights faculty and staff receiving the university's highest honors at the Iowa State Faculty and Staff Awards Ceremony.

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**Update Contact and Emergency Information.** Whether new or returning, we encourage all faculty to review and update their contact and emergency contact information in Workday. Refer to the instructions in this [knowledge base article](#).

**ISU WellBeing.** This resource was launched in 2015 to support employee well-being and healthy lifestyles. These programs, services, and resources provide employees with a variety of opportunities every year that support and enable each person to be an advocate for themselves, whether at work or home. For more information about the resources, benefits, and programs available, visit the [ISU WellBeing website](#).

**12-Month Salary Spread Option for 9-Month Faculty.** Iowa State University faculty members with 9-month appointments (corresponding to the academic year) are eligible to spread their pay over 12 months (July to June). If you are interested in electing the 12-month salary spread option, please review the information on the [request form](#), sign it, and submit it to [svpp\\_personnel@iastate.edu](mailto:svpp_personnel@iastate.edu).

**Extension Professional Development.** The ISU Extension and Outreach Professional Development unit can assist you in successfully interacting with others in a professional manner, and create work based on integrity and ethics as you develop partnerships across the state. This unit works to identify and prioritize needs to enhance life in Iowa communities. For more information about staff resources, educational opportunities, awards, and funding opportunities, visit [Extension Professional Development](#).

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### Faculty Development

**Big XII Faculty Fellowship Program.** Iowa State University participates in the Big 12 Faculty Fellowship Program which offers funding to faculty for travel to institutions affiliated through the Big 12 Athletics Conference. The goal of the program is the exchange of ideas and collaboration on scholarly efforts among faculty and across institutions. Faculty visits are ordinarily for one to two weeks, but longer visits are possible. Faculty, departments, and units may also seek to host a colleague from another Big 12 institution on our campus. Application materials, eligibility requirements, the list of current Big 12 institutions, and more details can be found on our [website](#). Below are the two remaining dates for 2025. Applications are due in the Office of the Senior Vice President and Provost at noon on January 31, 2025 or April 4, 2025. Please contact Rachel Haynes ([rhaynes@iastate.edu](mailto:rhaynes@iastate.edu)) with any questions regarding process.

**Workshops and Resources.** Visit the [Faculty Development website](#) to learn more about 2025 spring semester offerings.

**ncfdd.** Supported by the Office of the Senior Vice President and Provost, Iowa State is an institutional member of the ncfdd, an independent faculty development center dedicated to supporting academics in making successful transitions throughout their careers. Iowa State faculty, staff, postdocs, and graduate students are eligible for an individual membership free of cost. Visit [ncfdd core curriculum courses](#) and [guest webinars](#) to view upcoming events.

**Research Guide.** Visit [A Guide to the Research Process at Iowa State University](#), a useful resource for research investigators.

**Smile and Write.** An online program open to faculty and staff, designed to leverage peer accountability and help carve out space to work on curriculum, manuscripts, and other writing projects. To register for any of the twice a week offerings, visit the [Faculty Mentoring website](#).