

OFFICE OF FACULTY AFFAIRS
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Faculty Focus

News and Information for Ohio State Faculty

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the inaugural edition of *Faculty Focus*, a platform highlighting successes, resources and opportunities for Ohio State faculty.

At Ohio State, we know that our ability to lead in innovation and discovery, educate students for citizenship and engage with our communities and the world begins with the quality of our faculty. The Office of Faculty Affairs and our team are here to help you realize your potential in the lab, studio, clinic, stage, community and world, and to develop your abilities to rise as leaders in your respective fields. We are also here to help chart a path for those who are interested in developing their own capacity in academic leadership. We hope the resources in *Faculty Focus* prove valuable to you.

Our work is first and foremost dedicated to the recognition and support of faculty eminence in all its manifestations. The message of *Faculty Focus* will thus always prioritize the extraordinary work of Ohio State faculty along with development opportunities (whether led by the office or making connections to local campus programming).

In addition, we will be providing information about policy, procedure and governance questions; promotion and tenure; and academic rights and responsibilities. Please let us know if there are topics you would like to see covered in future editions.

Sincerely,

Patrick Louchouart

Senior Vice Provost for Faculty



Horacio Lopez-Nicora, PhD

Assistant Professor and Provost's Early Career Scholar
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Faculty Voices: What Ohio State means to me

Recently, three faculty members shared how Ohio State stands apart through its support for faculty at every stage of their professional journeys.

Watch the video to learn more from **Professor Kaprea Johnson**, College of Education and Human Ecology; **Assistant Professor and [Provost's Early Career Scholar](#) Horacio Lopez-Nicora**, College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences; and **Clinical Associate Professor Alison Gardner**, College of Veterinary Medicine.

[Watch Video](#)

Faculty Awards

Our faculty members routinely earn national recognition for their extraordinary research, scholarship, teaching and impact. Their achievements reflect the passion and expertise they bring to their fields and the excellence that distinguishes an Ohio State education. The office will soon develop centralized support for nominations for external recognition of faculty by prestigious and highly prestigious awards. Look out for these announcements in upcoming *Faculty Focus* newsletters.

[Learn More](#)



How Earth's molecules got their "handedness"

Scientists from Ohio State have a new theory about how the building blocks of life – the many proteins, carbohydrates, lipids and nucleic acids that compose every organism on Earth – may have evolved to favor a certain kind of molecular structure.

In the journal *ACS Earth and Space Chemistry*, co-authors James Cowan, Distinguished University Professor Emeritus in chemistry and biochemistry, and R.J. Furnstahl, professor of physics, now propose a new model of how the molecules of life may have developed their “handedness.”

[Read More](#)



Leading into the new year

In her first installment for 2023 of *Academic Voices: A Provost's Blog*, Executive Vice President and Provost Melissa Gilliam focuses on the important role of local leadership across the academic enterprise. At each of Ohio State's colleges, campuses, departments, libraries and units, these dedicated leaders are in the early phases of working collaboratively to help the Office of Academic Affairs bring the Academic Plan to life.

[Read More](#)



Supporting students and colleagues through tragedy

Our Shared Values call us to put people at the center of all that we do through care and compassion. Events around the country and world — from natural disasters to senseless violence — have impacted many of our students, faculty and staff as well as their families and loved ones. Resources are available at Ohio State to support students and colleagues:

- The Michael V. Drake Institute for Teaching and Learning has developed a [set of resources](#) that can be used by instructors to provide students support during difficult times.
- Following the tragic loss of life at Michigan State University, some campus community members have had questions about Ohio State's preparedness for a safety emergency. Police train countless hours to be prepared for emergency situations. In addition, the university has a "[Surviving an Active Aggressor](#)" video to educate the campus community. We encourage all Buckeyes to watch. Always report suspicious behavior on campus to OSUPD (614-292-2121) or off-campus to CPD (614-645-4545). Dial 911 in emergencies.
- If your cell phone number is already in Workday, then you are automatically registered for the [Buckeye Alert](#) text messaging system. Faculty, staff and students have the ability to register up to two additional cell phone numbers to receive text message notifications.
- Students who need assistance or emotional support can contact the Office of Student Life's [Counseling and Consultation Service](#). Students can also access the support and resources provided by the [Student Wellness Center](#), the [Student Advocacy Center](#), the [Center for Belonging and Social Change](#) and the [Office of International Affairs](#).
- Faculty or staff in need of assistance can contact Ohio State's [Employee Assistance Program](#).

Faculty Resources: Promotion and Tenure

Supporting faculty and academic leaders in their personal growth and leadership development is a shared effort, and every faculty member and appointee should know that they have the full backing of the Ohio State community. The Office of Faculty Affairs is building a network of development programs

that serve faculty across their entire career life cycle with a focus on personal and professional growth, including career skills and competencies, leadership nurturing and communication approaches.

One of the new development programs is the [Telling Your Story workshop](#) on March 10. All faculty preparing their dossier for promotion and tenure review are invited to this half-day workshop. Participants will learn how to create a compelling professional narrative and how to clearly identify themselves as the central character of the story. **NOTE: participants should bring their narrative of professional achievements in whatever shape it is currently in.** Please know that some of the content will be recorded and made available on our website for those who couldn't make it to the workshop.

[Learn More and Register](#)

Opportunities

Submit a proposal for a Student Academic Success Research Grant

Student Academic Excellence is requesting proposals for the 2023 Student Academic Success Research Grants program. Proposals are sought for research or creative arts projects that focus on improving, expanding and/or revising student success programs and services. Grants will be between \$5,000 - \$25,000. **The submission deadline is March 17.**

[Learn More and
Submit a Proposal](#)

Submit a proposal for an Engagement Grant

The Office of Outreach and Engagement provides funding at a maximum amount of \$20,000 to support development or implementation of impact reports, public policy documents, or programs; or to enhance or expand a program that extends community access to the university. **Proposals are due March 6.**

[Learn More and
Submit a Proposal](#)

Join a Faculty Network today!

The Ohio State University's Faculty Networks are an opportunity to get together for informal gatherings to socialize and share resources, stories and support. The New Faculty Network, Faculty of Color Network, and Women+ Faculty Network focus on a particular faculty group's experiences and shared interests, though any faculty ally is welcome to join any network.

[Learn More and Register](#)

Nominations sought for inaugural Ohio State Artist Laureate

The Office of Academic Affairs is seeking nominations for the inaugural Ohio State Artist Laureate. The goal is to bring the arts to underserved communities across the state and to engage with those communities in shared experiences. **Nominations are due March 6.**

[Learn More and Apply](#)

Submit a proposal for the Drake Institute Research and Implementation Grant Program

The [Michael V. Drake Institute for Teaching and Learning](#) is inviting proposals for the 2023 Research and Implementation Grant Program. This program seeks to expand faculty engagement in Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) and Discipline-Based Education Research (DBER) efforts across the university. Faculty are encouraged to develop proposals around any topic of interest related to teaching. **Proposals are due March 20.**

[Learn More and
Submit a Proposal](#)

Apply for the President and Provost's Leadership Institute

The Women's Place invites clinical or tenured professors (associate or full) to join the next cohort of the President and Provost's Leadership Institute. This 16-month program allows participants to enhance their vision, leadership competencies, networks and knowledge of higher education. Primary goals of the institute are to create a pool of potential leaders from groups that traditionally have been underrepresented

and to develop leaders committed to creating an inclusive university. Faculty of any gender and from all Ohio State campuses and colleges may apply. **Apply by April 15.**

[Learn More and Apply](#)

In the news

- [University trustees announce process for presidential search](#)
- [Record-setting \\$110M gift will launch the Center for Software Innovation at Ohio State](#)
- [Ohio State ranked a top producer of Fulbright U.S. scholars and students](#)
- [Michigan State students return to campus with message of support from Ohio State](#)
- [Ohio State sets new record with \\$1.38 billion in annual research expenditures](#)
- [Four Ohio State scientists named AAAS Fellows](#)
- [A new documentary explores a forgotten racial justice fight at Linden-McKinley High School](#) (Featured expert: [Simone Drake](#), [Hazel C. Youngberg](#) [Trustees Distinguished Professor](#))
- [National Academy of Engineering adds 3 Buckeyes](#)



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