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## Putting the 'Thanks' in Thanksgiving

Two hurricanes in just under two months make this trying fall semester unforgettable. What I will remember most is the resilience of our faculty.

You've had to navigate major personal and professional disruptions and, in some cases, hardships from either one hurricane or both — all while looking out for students who are struggling or stressing in class. Some of you contributed financially to help our campus community and/or also donated leave time to aid those with critical needs.

As Thanksgiving nears, I am grateful for many things at UCF. First among them is you, our amazing faculty, who are the heart and soul of our university. Your professionalism and enduring dedication to one another and to excellence always make me proud. You keep UCF moving forward.

I am also grateful for the remarkable perseverance and compassion of our faculty, staff and students during hard times brought on by the pandemic and now two hurricanes. Time and again, our Knights family looks out for one another when it matters most.

Thank you, and may you have a very enjoyable, relaxing and peaceful Thanksgiving.

Best,

Jana



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## **Deadlines for Important Honors and Awards**

### **Excellence Awards/Deadline Dec. 1, 2022**

Faculty Excellence coordinates various awards programs that recognize faculty in advancing the university's mission, from excellence in undergraduate and graduate teaching to faculty academic advising to research and much more.

[Learn More](#)

### **Pegasus Professor Award/Deadline: Dec. 1, 2022**

The Pegasus Professor award is the highest honor a faculty member can receive from UCF. It recognizes excellence in the three primary areas of academic endeavor: teaching, research and service. Please refer to your college dean's office for earlier deadlines.

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### **Reach for the Stars Award/Deadline: Dec. 1, 2022**

The UCF Reach for the Stars Award honors and rewards highly successful research and creative activity accomplished by early-career faculty members. Please refer to your college dean's office for earlier deadlines.

[Learn More](#)

### **Emeritus Faculty Nominations/Deadline: Dec. 1, 2022**

Faculty Emeritus nominations are due to Faculty Excellence on Dec. 1. Please refer to your college dean's office for earlier deadlines.

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## Research Incentive Awards (RIA)/Deadline: Dec. 8, 2022

The UCF Research Incentive Award (RIA) program recognizes outstanding research, scholarly, or creative activity that advances the body of knowledge in a particular field, including interdisciplinary research and collaborations.

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## Teaching Incentive Program (TIP)/ Deadline: Feb. 13, 2023

The UCF Teaching Incentive Program (TIP) rewards teaching productivity and teaching excellence.

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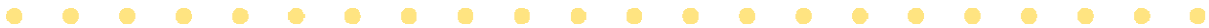
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## Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Awards (SoTL)/Deadline: Feb. 13, 2023

The SoTL awards recognize discovery, reflection, and using evidence-based methods to research effective teaching and student learning. While the implementation of SoTL outcomes may result in teaching excellence and increased teaching effectiveness, this award recognizes scholarly efforts beyond teaching excellence.

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## Valuable to Know



### Latest Workday Help for Faculty

A [Faculty Workday Resources page](#) offers onboarding and other help on how to navigate UCF's new workflow system for success.

If you have a Workday problem or question, please contact your unit's [business center](#), [submit a Workday help case](#) or call a Knights Experience Team customer care coordinator at (407) 823-6398.



## House Bill 7 Resources

New state legislation, [House Bill 7](#), affects state universities as they seek to support inclusivity, learning and student success.

The law changes how discrimination is defined but does not deter from teaching controversial and challenging subjects. UCF has [a regulation](#) and a [corresponding policy](#) for the new law.

Here are [answers to FAQs](#) about the legislation and guidance on [fostering civil discourse](#) on controversial issues of all kinds.



## Celebrating 6 Top Scholars as 2022 Luminary Award Winners



Six faculty members were lauded for being leaders and making impacts in their fields during UCF's annual Luminary Awards on Nov. 1 at Leu Gardens in Orlando.

The Luminary Awards are designed to recognize some of UCF's brightest stars who shine a positive light on UCF and on their respective fields, as well as illuminate a path of discovery for those who will come after them. They were established in 2017.

[Learn more](#)



## Development Opportunities

### BIPOC & First-Generation Assistant Professor Mentoring Community

This community supports tenure-earning faculty as they work to achieve tenure.



As first-generation faculty, there is no predefined path, and navigating academia can be intimidating and lonely. The literature shows both BIPOC (black, indigenous and people of color) and first-generation faculty can often fall through the cracks and may have difficulty earning tenure. Dr. Reshawna Chapple will lead this cohort to help you define your research and teaching, navigate expectations and connect you with other faculty members across campus. Applications are open until capacity is reached.

Upcoming meeting dates:

- December 2, 2022

[Learn More](#)

### Non-Tenure Earning (NTE) Faculty Community



Interdisciplinary Non-Tenure Earning (NTE) Faculty Community monthly forums provide professional and leadership development plus peer support. All NTE faculty are invited to join monthly face-to-face (morning sessions) or in Zoom (afternoon sessions). This time is set aside to mentor/partner with other NTE faculty to network, share best practices and request information.

Upcoming meeting dates:

- February 1, 2023
- March 1, 2023

## Learn More

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