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A Time for Compassion and Understanding

Our long-awaited return to a more normal fall didn't last long. Hurricane Ian disrupted all of us, with hundreds of our students, faculty and staff struggling from lost or damaged belongings, vehicles and even homes.

[Faculty Excellence](#) is here for you, whether it's for guidance on how to aid your distressed students or for attaining [resources](#) to help you deal with adversity from the storm. If you know of students with outstanding needs, please direct them to contact Student Care Services by [filling out this form](#) or emailing CareManager@ucf.edu. Some students are deciding whether they can remain in school. As Provost Johnson [has asked](#), please be flexible in helping those students hardest-hit stay on course through this tough time. This can include postponing due dates and tests for a week or so, or offering students who can't get to class materials they might miss otherwise.

[Resources are also available](#) to affected faculty and staff in need. For instance, [Knights Pantry](#) is open to faculty and staff through Oct. 31. The [Hurricane Ian Disaster Leave Program](#) provides eligible employees with additional leave to address their recovery needs thanks to accrued sick and/or annual leave donated by other UCF faculty and staff members.

The storm's impacts will be with us for some time, adding to what has already been a prolonged time of extra stress.

As you look out for others who are in need, please take care of yourself, too.

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Important Dates

Classes, Campuses to Close Early for Oct. 13 Weeknight Football Game



UCF's classes and campuses will close at 2 p.m. for a weeknight home football game on Thursday, Oct. 13.

In addition to the main campus, the early closing also applies to the Central Florida Research Park, UCF Downtown, the Rosen College of Hospitality Management and UCF Connect campuses. Offices at those locations also will close at 2 p.m. for normal operations.

Faculty who teach classes that start before 2 p.m. but end after that time will have the option to hold the portion of those classes that comes before 2 p.m.

[Learn More](#)

Key Faculty Application Deadlines



Several key application deadlines for faculty are ahead:

- **Professional Development Leave/Deadline: Oct. 19**
[In-Unit](#)
[Non-Unit](#)
- **Excellence Awards/Deadline (Dean's Office): Dec. 1**
[More information](#)
- **Pegasus Professor/Deadline: Dec. 1**
[In-Unit](#)
[Non-Unit](#)
- **Reach for the Stars Award/Deadline: Dec. 1**
[More information](#)
- **Emeritus Faculty/Deadline: Check with your college**

dean's office

[More information](#)

• Research Incentive Award (RIA)/Deadline: Dec. 8

[In-Unit](#)

[College of Medicine](#)

Valuable to Know



Hurricane Resources, Recovery Updates

Here are links to the [latest news](#) and [resources](#) as UCF navigates the aftermath of Hurricane Ian.



Latest Workday Help for Faculty

A [Faculty Workday Resources page](#) offers onboarding help, and additional [training sessions](#) are being developed for faculty on how to better 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.

Development Opportunities



ORCID Workshop for Researchers on Oct. 25

An ORCID Workshop for Researchers webinar session will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 25, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. The webinar will familiarize researchers with ORCID and how it can benefit them. This session will be led by Sheila Rabun, program leader for Persistent Identifier Communities at LYRASIL, which includes the ORCID US Community and the LYRASIL DataCite US Community.

[Learn More](#)



Workshop: CV Best Practices

A strong curriculum vitae is the best tool to advance your career by applying for awards and/or promotion/tenure. In this two-part workshop on Oct. 17 at noon, senior faculty will help give your CV a tune-up by providing do's and don't's, tools and resources.

[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:

- October 12
- November 2

[Learn More](#)

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:

- November 4
- December 2

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