Academic Leaders Program

All of this fall’s Academic Leaders Program sessions will be conducted virtually via Zoom. To encourage networking and relationship building, participants are encouraged to have their video on as much as possible. Please share any technical or connection questions you may have with Amy Hogan at amyhogan@vt.edu

Kickoff Workshop Zoom (Friday, August 14): https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/93366270366

Zoom for all remaining meetings (Thursdays, 3-4pm): https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/92809827990

Friday, August 14 8:30 am – Noon
Kickoff workshop – featuring information and discussion on academic leadership perspectives at Virginia Tech, an academic leaders panel discussion, and networking with other academic leaders.

Thursday, Aug 27 2:00 – 4:00 pm
“Timely Tips for Department Heads” – Important information for department heads related to faculty recruitment and development resources, practices, and policies. This session is specifically designed for new department heads, chairs, and other academic unit leaders who support tenure-track faculty. It is optional for those in other roles. Zoom link: https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/92717830626

Thursday, September 3 3:00 – 4:00 pm
Leadership Theory Exploration – Exploration of leadership theories and approaches, including Transformational, Authentic, Participative, Servant, and Resonant Leadership models.

Thursday, September 10 3:00 – 4:00 pm
Leading in Ambiguity – Information and conversation about how to lead in ambiguous, rapidly changing times.

Thursday, September 17 3:00 – 4:00 pm
A “Conversation with the Provost,” will highlight updates, strategies, and leadership perspective from our chief academic officer.

Thursday, September 24 3:00 – 4:00 pm
Leadership Vision – Refining your vision and supporting strategies to enable you to lead toward meaningful results.
Thursday, October 1  3:00 – 4:00 pm  
Fostering Collaboration – Keys for encouraging and fostering collaboration, in your role as leader, and for those you lead.

Thursday, October 8  3:00 – 4:00 pm  
Leadership Communication – Leveraging transparency and committing to courageous conversations.

Thursday, October 15  3:00 – 4:00 pm  
Leader Resilience – The importance of resilience for your role as a leader, and in supporting those you lead in challenging times.

Thursday, October 22  3:00 – 4:00 pm  
Leadership Facilitation – Your role in supporting and advancing motivation and engagement.

Thursday, October 29  3:00 – 4:00 pm  
Data-Informed Decision Making – Data – both quantitative and qualitative – is key to informing decisions that support strategic management and leadership needs. A panel of current academic leaders will discuss their strategies and experiences and answer questions.

Thursday, November 5  3:00 – 4:00 pm  
Leading Change – Information about the phases of transition involved in navigating change, and how to lead in an informed and supportive way through transitions.

Thursday, November 12  3:00 – 4:00 pm  
Leader Relationships – Tools, resources, and practices to support building productive, authentic relationships as a leader, including building and preserving trust.

Thursday, November 19  3:00 – 4:00 pm  
Leveraging Difference – Tools, resources, and practices to navigate and leverage differences in your people, programs, and partners.

Thursday, November 26  NO MEETING – THANKSGIVING BREAK
Thursday, December 3  3:00 – 4:00 pm

Transforming and Managing Service – Thoughtful tools and approaches to managing service assignments and optimizing opportunities for faculty development through service.

Thursday, December 10  3:00 – 4:00 pm

Your Future Leadership Development – An interactive and networked discussion of ongoing goals and focus on your leadership development moving forward.