

New Faculty Welcome

The Inn at Virginia Tech, Latham Ballroom
Thursday, August 21, 2025 | Morning Program

8:00 a.m.	Registration and Reception
8:30 a.m.	Welcome from the Executive Vice President and Provost <i>Cyril Clarke, Executive Vice President and Provost introduced by Leslie Stevens, Project Director, Faculty Affairs</i>
8:45 a.m.	Welcome from the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs <i>Ron Fricker, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs</i>
8:50 a.m.	Welcome from the Office of Research and Innovation <i>Dr. Daniel Sui, Senior Vice President and Chief Research and Innovation Officer</i>
9:00 a.m.	New Faculty Panel Discussion, Q&A <i>Facilitator: Kimberly Allen, Associate Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Rodney Gaines, Collegiate Associate Professor and Graduate Program Coordinator, Human Nutrition, Foods, and Exercise– Kristopher Hite, Collegiate Assistant Professor, Biochemistry; AAUP VT Chapter President– Sarah Jarrett, Professional Academic Advisor, College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences– Liselle Joseph, Assistant Professor, Aerospace & Ocean Engineering; Black Caucus– Hans Carlo Rivera, Mental Health Specialist, Hokie Wellness; APIDA and LGBTQ+ Caucuses– Sean Sidky, Visiting Assistant Professor, Religion and Culture– Emma Stubbe, Assistant Director for Programming and Engagement, Women's Center– Chelsea Thompto, Assistant Professor, School of Visual Arts
9:50 a.m.	Break – Transition Time
10:00 a.m.	BREAKOUT SESSIONS Administrative and Professional Faculty Smithfield Room A session for Senior Administrators, Managers, and Professionals, such as Student or Academic Affairs Professionals, Human Resources and Financial Specialists <i>Presenters: Ana Agud, David Andrews, Greg Beecher, Marlena Lester</i> Teaching and Research Faculty Solitude Room A session for Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors, Instructors, Clinical Faculty, Visiting Faculty, Postdoctoral Associates, Research Associates, Research Scientists, Research Professors, or Project Associates <i>Presenters: Catherine Amelink, Aaron Bond, Connie Bayliss, Michael Enz, Ron Fricker, Rachel Gabriele, Corinne Guimont, Hannah Harris, Jim Hawdon, Justin Lemkul, Laurel Miner, Aimée Surprenant</i>
11:30 a.m.	Lunch and Closing Remarks in the Latham Ballroom <i>Leslie Stevens, Project Director, Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs</i> Find a table labeled with your senior management area to sit with colleagues you may not have met yet.

**JOIN US THIS AFTERNOON FOR TWO FOCUS SESSIONS AND A RECEPTION
AND TOMORROW MORNING FOR TWO SPECIAL SESSIONS!**
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Thursday, August 22, 2025 | Afternoon Program

1:00 – 2:45 p.m.	<p>Focus on Teaching Smithfield Room</p> <p>The Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) invites new teaching faculty to a session just for them. Instructors, collegiate faculty, adjunct faculty, and anyone else who may benefit from it will learn how to build a healthy classroom environment, the basics of setting up your class for the semester, resources for support, and more! This session will include instructional and interactive learning time and an opportunity to network.</p> <p><i>Thank you to the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) for facilitating this workshop.</i></p>
3:00 – 4:30 p.m.	<p>Focus on Research Solitude Room</p> <p>The Office of Research and Innovation invites new faculty to a session focused on conducting research at Virginia Tech. Tenure track researchers, research faculty, postdoctoral associates, and anyone else who expects to actively participate in the research mission will learn about resources for finding and winning sponsored research projects, conducting ethical research, and sharing their results with the world for maximum impact.</p> <p><i>Thank you to the Office of Research and Innovation for facilitating this workshop.</i></p>
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	<p>Reception Latham Ballroom</p> <p>We welcome you to stay for a drink*, light snacks, and conversation with other new faculty members.</p> <p><i>*Please note that there will be alcohol present at this event, but we will also have non-alcoholic beverages and light hors d'oeuvres. If you are in recovery or want to reach out for support, please call or email Leslie (1-2538; leslie@vt.edu) or visit https://hokiewellness.vt.edu/students/recovery.html for resources and meeting info.</i></p>

Friday, August 22, 2025 | Morning Program

8:00 – 10:00 a.m.	<p>Special International Faculty Session Solitude Room</p> <p>All new International Faculty are invited to an information session with Global Strategic Services (“GSS”) office staff. At this session, you will learn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules to maintain your nonimmigrant (H-1B, J-1, TN) status • When to renew your nonimmigrant status • How to obtain a Virginia driver’s license • Steps to obtain a visa in your passport (and it if is necessary) • Work authorization options for spouses • Permanent residency (aka “green card”) process and options for international faculty <p><i>Thank you to the Global Strategic Services (GSS) office for facilitating this workshop.</i></p>
10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	<p>Break</p>
10:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	<p>Special Postdoctoral Faculty Session Solitude Room</p> <p>The goal of New Postdoc Orientation is to connect recently hired Virginia Tech postdoctoral associates with resources to assist them during their time at Virginia Tech and beyond.</p> <p>Topics to be covered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of research resources at Virginia Tech • Highlighting other key campus resources • Postdoc career and professional development programming available from the university and beyond • Making the most of your postdoc, featuring a panel of current Virginia Tech postdocs <p>Time will also be set aside for postdocs in attendance to meet each other and begin planning how you will each maximize your time as a postdoc for career success.</p> <p><i>Thank you to the Office of Research and Innovation for facilitating this workshop.</i></p>

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