

The College Current



Featured Information

2026 College Conversation: Shaping Our Future Together

Join us this afternoon for this year's College Conversation, an opportunity for faculty and staff to come together, connect across the College, and engage in dialogue about our shared future. Through facilitated discussions, we will discuss student success, research, and communication, and consider how the College can support these priorities moving forward.

Your voice and experiences are essential to this conversation, and we hope you will join us as we learn from one another and help shape the future of our community. Feel free to join us even if you weren't able to RSVP. All are welcome.

Today, Monday, Oct. 26

3:30 p.m.

Kansas Union Ballroom

*Reception to follow

Professional Development & Career Services for Graduate Students

Professional development and career services for graduate students are available in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, led by Brittney Tyler-Milholland, Assistant Director in the College Office of Graduate Affairs (COGA).

Resources Available:

- One-on-one advising appointments for career exploration, job search preparation, and review of application materials.
- Professional development workshops on topics such as time management, non-academic career paths, and interview preparation, as well as workshops tailored specifically to your unit.

Please direct students to the [advising appointment form](#) for one-on-one assistance. If you, your program, or your students want to meet or schedule a workshop, don't hesitate to reach out to Brittney directly at tylermil@ku.edu.

[More Info](#)

CARES Program Applications Open

Applications are now open for our CARES (career advancement/research enhancement semester) Program, which provides associate professors with dedicated time to advance their scholarship toward promotion to full professor. The award offers a semester of teaching release and reduced service, along with funding to support research and course replacement. Two awards will be granted this year, for **Fall 2027** or **Spring 2028**.

Please submit all materials to cares@ku.edu by **Oct. 31**.

[More Info](#)

Curricular Changes and Catalog Content Editing

Get assistance submitting curricular changes or editing your catalog content by coming to a CIM/CAT office hours session. There are two remaining opportunities this semester:

- Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2 to 4 p.m. in Strong 210
- Tuesday, Nov. 24, 1 to 3 p.m. in Strong 210

Deans OER Grant Initiative

The Office of the Provost has approved an initiative developed by the Dean's Council with the support of KU Libraries to incentivize the adoption of OER in high enrolling courses, particularly those with high rates of DFW (grades of D & F, and withdrawals) and costly course materials. Base levels of \$5,000 (for individual proposals) and \$10,000 (for team proposals) may be provided to qualifying courses. An additional incentive of \$5 per student in a single semester (capped at \$1000 or 200 students) is available.

The Libraries are now accepting applications for the 2026-2027 academic year. Review of the applications will begin on **Nov. 4**. This initiative enjoys the support of members of the College Dean's Office, Jayhawk Academic Advising, and the Office of Academic Programs and Experiential Learning. We anticipate funding 2-3 courses per fall and spring semester over a three-year period. Additional details are available on [the Deans' OER Initiative site](#).

Questions? Contact oyer@ku.edu.

Chairs & Directors

November Chairs & Directors Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 4
3:30 to 5 p.m.
Kansas Room, Kansas Union

Events & Opportunities

Honors Course Design and Teaching Sessions

In collaboration with the Center for Teaching Excellence, the University Honors Program will offer the following upcoming sessions on the topic of designing and teaching honors courses. Both sessions will cover the same content and lunch will be provided.

Wednesday, Oct. 28

12:15 to 1:15 p.m.
135 Budig Hall

Thursday, Nov. 3

12:15 to 1:15 p.m.
135 Budig Hall

[Register Here](#)

Faculty Luncheons

The College Dean's Office is hosting another year of faculty luncheons. These casual luncheons are intended to provide faculty with a chance to mingle with College leadership, collaborate on ideas or just share in conversations with your peers.

Come to as many as you'd like and please RSVP to future lunches for catering purposes. All luncheons will be from **11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Locations will be announced in the future, please see the full schedule below.

- Friday, Nov. 20 - hosted by Executive Dean Jen Roberts
- Thursday, Dec. 17 - hosted by AD Maria Orive
- Monday, Feb. 15 - hosted by AD Tara Welch
- Thursday, Mar. 25 - hosted by Executive Dean Jen Roberts
- Friday, Apr. 23 - hosted by AD Jie Zhang

[RSVP for the November lunch](#)

The College & Campus Cupboard by CUAS

The College is excited to partner with Campus Cupboard to have donation bins available at many of our larger College Meetings! Our goal is to

become a leader in support efforts by associating attendance of College meetings with donating to such a wonderful resource for our campus.

Led by College Undergraduate Academic Services, Donation bins will be stationed at the upcoming College Conversation on Oct. 26 in the Kansas Union Ballroom and will be at the November and December Chairs & Directors meetings. We will also be including meetings in the Spring, and that information will be released at a later time.

We look forward to making this a tradition for the College!

Donate through Endowment

Donate via Amazon Wishlist

On the Horizon

- Monday, Oct. 26 - College Conversation
- Saturday, Oct. 31 - Open Enrollment closes

Helpful Links

Find all of the latest College news here:

[Research Review](#)

[The College Connection](#)

[College Undergraduate Academic Services Newsletter](#)

[The College Current](#)

Contact Executive Dean Roberts

Want to email Dean Roberts or request her appearance at your event?

Email Dean Roberts

Appearance Request





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