

Provost Prelock Faculty Senate Report

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Updates

- **Arizona Board of Regents Meeting on November 20, 2025**
 - Reported on our progress to ABOR and presented our newly established [Academic Success Goals](#) that will serve as foundational guidance in advancing our strategic imperatives. Read more about the presentation here: [U of A highlights student success, research innovation at 'Reporting on Our Promise' board update | University of Arizona News](#)
 - Watch the presentation here: [11 20 25 BoardWebcast](#)

Provost Initiatives

I am pleased to announce several new key initiatives and funding opportunities that will help advance our shared goals and allow up to work together to deliver on our promise.

- **Transdisciplinary Strategic Cluster Hire Program**
 - Launching a strategic cluster hire program in collaboration with the Office of Research and Partnerships with the goal of hiring up to 20 new faculty per year for the next five years to drive convergence through transdisciplinary research focused on one or more of the five strategic research initiatives. Read more about the program here: [Transdisciplinary Strategic Cluster Hire Program | University of Arizona Provost](#)
- **Graduate Student Stipend Increase**
 - Establishing a new minimum annual stipend rate for graduate students starting in fiscal year 2027. Read more here: [Policy on GA Stipend and Benefits | Graduate Assistantships and Associateships](#)
- **Provost's Postdoctoral Fellowship Program**
 - We are introducing a new fellowship program to recruit outstanding early career postdoctoral scholars whose research will enhance our land-grant mission and strategic imperatives. Participating fellows must have the potential to be considered for a future tenure-track position at the U of A.

Read more about the program here: [Provost's Postdoctoral Fellows Program \(PPFP\) | University of Arizona Provost](#)

- **Provost Bridge Funding Program for Student Success**
 - This program will provide short-term institutional support to principal investigators and project teams to maintain momentum when experiencing temporary gaps or delays in federal funding. Read more about the program here: [Bridge Funding Program for Student Success | University of Arizona Provost](#)
- **Provost's Scholarly Engagement Fund**
 - We established funds to support departments and units across the university in hosting scholarly activities, such as conferences, symposia, workshops, speaker series and poster sessions. Read more about the fund here: [Scholarly Engagement Fund | University of Arizona Provost](#)
- **Provost's Author Support Fund**
 - We continue to offer this fund to all faculty of all tracks and ranks and academic professionals whose roles include research, publication, or creative activity. Read more about the fund here: [Provost's Author Support Fund](#)
- **Provost Fellows for Academic Success Goals**
 - Established to support deans and our partners across campus in implementing our ASGs and our strategic imperatives. Read more about the fellows program here: [Provost Fellows for Academic Success Goals | University of Arizona Provost](#)