

Updates

- **[Call for Nominations: 2026–27 Faculty Awards](#)**. Nominations are open through 5 p.m. Monday, December 7. Full eligibility criteria, nomination procedures, and information about past award recipients are available on the [Honors and Awards website](#).
- **Carnegie Elective Classification for Sustainability**. The University of Arizona has earned the Carnegie Elective Classification for Sustainability, making it one of the first 14 institutions to receive the new classification. Read more about the recent classification [here](#).
- **Professional Development Catalog**. UCATT has developed a cohesive professional development [catalog](#) focused on teaching and learning. Through the catalog, instructors can identify and flag trainings of interest in areas such as teaching practices, online teaching and learning, and teaching with technology.
- **Study Abroad Programs**. Study Abroad has [launched 26 new and updated programs](#). Faculty engagement is essential, and faculty can get involved by leading a program, teaching at an Arizona Abroad location, supporting curriculum mapping, or encouraging students to study abroad.
- **Wildcat Welcome Center**. The new [Wildcat Welcome Center](#) opened on September 9. It will serve as a welcoming front door to the university for prospective students and their families, current students, faculty and staff, and members of the community.
- **2026 Luminaries Outstanding Faculty Awards**. The 2026 Luminaries Outstanding Faculty Awards took place on September 23, honoring 28 faculty members for their significant achievements in teaching, research, and service. Read more about the award winners [here](#).
- **Bear Down Week**. [Bear Down Week](#) took place September 28–October 2 as a midsemester check-in for students. Students participated in a variety of events

and activities focused on connection, creativity, wellness, and self-care.

- **Faculty Promotion Recognition.** Faculty Promotion Recognition will take place on October 27, recognizing faculty who were recently promoted during the 2025–26 promotion cycle.

Initiatives

- **AI in Education Task Force.** An AI in Education Task Force is being formed. A forthcoming memo from Provost Prelock and David Ebert, Chief AI and Data Science Officer, will outline the task force's charge and membership. Representatives from Faculty Senate, Staff Council, ASUA, and GPSC have been invited to serve on the task force.
- **Task Force on 90-Credit and Three-Year Degree Programs.** This task force is being led by Provost Prelock and Faculty Chair Hudson.
- **Author Support Fund.** The [Author Support Fund](#) is managed by Faculty Affairs with funding from the Provost's Investment Fund. It supports faculty and academic professionals with research and publication responsibilities.
- **Scholarly Engagement Fund.** The [Scholarly Engagement Fund](#) is managed by the Office of the Provost with funding from the Provost's Investment Fund. It supports units in hosting scholarly activities such as conferences, symposia, workshops, speaker series, and poster sessions.

Reviews – Fall 2026

- Five-Year Review
 - Carmie Garzione, Dean, College of Science
- Three-Year Reviews
 - Fred Wondisford, Dean, College of Medicine Phoenix
 - Kirsten Limesand, Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate College
 - Shan Sutton, Dean, University Libraries
 - Nancy Pollock-Ellwand, Dean, College of Architecture, Planning and

Landscape Architecture