

SUMMARY**Faculty Research Leaves (84)****2024-25**

College	Study-Research	Research Assignment	Total
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences	2	6	8
College of Architecture, Arts, and Design	0	7	7
College of Engineering	6	18	24
College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences	5	16	21
College of Natural Resources and Environment	1	2	3
College of Science	2	14	16
Pamplin College of Business	3	1	4
University Libraries	0	0	0
Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine	0	1	1
Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine	0	0	0
TOTAL	19	65	84

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above study-research and research assignment leaves be approved as requested.

April 9, 2024

FACULTY RESEARCH LEAVES

2024-25

Virginia Tech provides tenured faculty, and faculty on continued appointment, with opportunities that include paid leave for intensive study or research that advances the individual's profession and contributions to the university.

Study-Research Leave

Study-research leave may be granted to faculty members for research and/or advanced study necessary to enhance the competencies of those faculty members to carry out their obligations to the university. (at other universities this program is often called "sabbatical.")

Full-time tenured faculty members with the rank of associate professor or higher, or faculty members holding continued appointment with significant responsibility for instruction and scholarly productivity, with the rank of assistant professor or higher, having accrued a minimum of six years of service, are eligible for study-research leaves. Following a period of study-research leave, an additional six years of full-time service are necessary before a faculty member is eligible for another leave. Requests may be submitted prior to completion of six years of service, but faculty members must have tenure and have completed the sixth year before the leave period begins. Study-research leave may be granted to faculty members for research and/or advanced study necessary to enhance the competencies of those faculty members to carry out their obligations to the university.

Research Assignment

Research assignment is a special category of study-research leave that is awarded to a tenured or continued-appointment academic faculty member for one semester of intensive study or research that increases the quality of the individual's professional stature and future contributions to the university. It may be taken in lieu of an ordinary yearlong study-research leave.

Full-time tenured faculty members with the rank of associate professor or higher, or holding continued appointment with the rank of assistant professor or higher, having accrued a minimum of six years of service, are eligible for research assignment leave. Following such a leave, an additional six years of full-time service is necessary before a faculty member may be considered for another research assignment. Requests may be submitted prior to completion of six years of service, but faculty members must have completed the sixth year before the leave period begins. Faculty members on calendar year appointments may take research assignment leave for up to six months.

The following faculty members are requesting study-research leave (one-half salary for up to one year) for the period of time specified:

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (2)			
Faculty Name	Rank	Department	Leave dates
Brenda Davy	professor	Human Nutrition, Foods and Exercise	spring semester 2025
Gilian Eastwood	assistant professor	Entomology	academic year 2024-25

College of Engineering (6)			
Faculty Name	Rank	Department	Leave dates
Stefano Brizzolara	professor	Aerospace and Ocean Engineering	academic year 2024-25
John Ferris	associate professor	Mechanical Engineering	academic year 2024-25
Xun Jian	assistant professor	Computer Science	academic year 2024-25
Rolf Mueller	professor	Mechanical Engineering	academic year 2024-25
Adrian Sandu	professor	Computer Science	academic year 2024-25
Corina Sandu	professor	Mechanical Engineering	academic year 2024-25

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences (5)			
Faculty Name	Rank	Department	Leave dates
Janet Abbate	professor	Science, Technology, and Society	spring semester 2025
Ralph Buehler	professor	School of Public and International Affairs	academic year 2024-25
Ralph Hall	professor	School of Public and International Affairs	academic year 2024-25
Micah Roos	associate professor	Sociology	academic year 2024-25
Tingting Zhao	associate professor	Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures	academic year 2024-25

College of Natural Resources and Environment (1)			
Faculty Name	Rank	Department	Leave dates
Luis Escobar	associate professor	Fish and Wildlife Conservation	academic year 2024-25

College of Science (2)

Faculty Name	Rank	Department	Leave dates
Silke Hauf	associate professor	Biological Sciences	spring, fall 2025
Thomas O'Donnell	associate professor	Physics	fall semester 2024, 2025

Pamplin College of Business (3)

Faculty Name	Rank	Department	Leave dates
Phillip Thompson	assistant professor	Management	academic year 2024-25
Florian Zach	assistant professor	Hospitality and Tourism Management	academic year 2024-25
Paul Lowry	professor	Business Information Technology	fall semester 2024

The following faculty member is requesting a research assignment (full salary for one semester) for the period of time specified:

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (6)			
Faculty Name	Rank	Department	Leave dates
Jonathan Czuba	assistant professor	Biological Systems Engineering	spring semester 2025
Kevin Davy	professor	Human Nutrition, Foods and Exercise	spring semester 2025
Tiffany Drape	assistant professor	Agricultural, Leadership, and Community Education	spring semester 2025
Dongmin Liu	professor	Human Nutrition, Foods and Exercise	spring semester 2025
Michelle Rhoads	associate professor	Animal and Poultry Sciences	fall semester 2024
Chenming Zhang	professor	Biological Systems Engineering	fall semester 2024

College of Architecture, Arts, and Design (7)			
Faculty Name	Rank	Department	Leave dates
Markus Breitschmid	professor	School of Architecture + Design	spring semester 2025
Jason Crafton	associate professor	School of Performing Arts	fall semester 2024
Patrick Doan	associate professor	School of Architecture + Design	spring semester 2025
Zachary Duer	associate professor	School of Visual Arts	fall semester 2024
Paul Emmons	professor	School of Architecture + Design	fall semester 2024
Aki Ishida	associate professor	School of Architecture + Design	fall semester 2024
Cara Rawlings	associate professor	School of Performing Arts	spring semester 2025

College of Engineering (18)			
Faculty Name	Rank	Department	Leave dates
Kaveh Akbari Hamed	associate professor	Mechanical Engineering	fall semester 2024
Diana Bairaktarova	associate professor	Engineering Education	spring semester 2025
Jin-Hee Cho	associate professor	Computer Science	spring semester 2025
Deborah Dickerson	associate professor	Industrial and Systems Engineering	spring semester 2025
David Dillard	professor	Biomedical Engineering and Mechanics	fall semester 2024
William Ducker	professor	Chemical Engineering	spring semester 2025
Marc Edwards	professor	Civil and Environmental Engineering	spring semester 2025

College of Engineering (18) continued

Faculty Name	Rank	Department	Leave dates
Kimberly Ellis	associate professor	Industrial and Systems Engineering	spring semester 2025
Scott England	associate professor	Aerospace and Ocean Engineering	fall semester 2024
Joseph Gabbard	professor	Industrial and Systems Engineering	spring semester 2025
Xiaoting Jia	associate professor	Electrical and Computer Engineering	fall semester 2024
T M Murali	professor	Computer Science	fall semester 2024
Wing Ng	professor	Mechanical Engineering	spring semester 2025
Padma Rajagopalan	professor	Chemical Engineering	fall semester 2024
Calvin Ribbens	professor	Computer Science	fall semester 2024
Clifford Shaffer	professor	Computer Science	fall semester 2024
Antonio Trani	professor	Civil and Environmental Engineering	spring semester 2025
Michael von Spakovsky	professor	Mechanical Engineering	fall semester 2024

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences (16)

Faculty Name	Rank	Department	Leave dates
Jessie Chen-Yu	professor	Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management	fall semester 2024
Amanda Demmer	associate professor	History	fall semester 2024
Rebecca Hester	associate professor	Science, Technology, and Society	fall semester 2024
David Hicks	professor	School of Education	fall semester 2024
Adrienne Holz	associate professor	School of Communication	fall semester 2024
Michael Horning	associate professor	School of Communication	fall semester 2024
Benjamin Katz	associate professor	Human Development and Family Science	fall semester 2024
Karin Kitchens	assistant professor	Political Science	spring semester 2025
Irene Leech	associate professor	Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management	spring semester 2025
Douglas Lind	professor	Philosophy	spring semester 2025
Natalia Mielczarek	associate professor	School of Communication	spring semester 2025
Yasuo Miyazaki	professor	School of Education	spring semester 2025
Derek Mueller	professor	English	spring semester 2025

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences (16) continued

Faculty Name	Rank	Department	Leave dates
Eonyou Shin	associate professor	Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management	spring semester 2025
Sarah Sierra	associate professor	Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures	fall semester 2024
Vinodh Venkatesh	professor	Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures	spring semester 2025

College of Natural Resources and Environment (2)

Faculty Name	Rank	Department	Leave dates
Thomas Coates	associate professor	Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation	fall semester 2024
Yan Jiao	professor	Fish and Wildlife Conservation	fall semester 2024

College of Science (14)

Faculty Name	Rank	Department	Leave dates
Lisa Belden	professor	Biological Sciences	fall semester 2024
Daniel Capelluto	associate professor	Biological Sciences	fall semester 2024
Stanca Ciupe	professor	Mathematics	fall semester 2024
Pang Du	professor	Statistics	fall semester 2024
Satoru Emori	associate professor	Physics	spring semester 2025
Carla Finkielstein	professor	Biological Sciences	spring semester 2025
Erin Hotchkiss	associate professor	Biological Sciences	spring semester 2025
Inyoung Kim	professor	Statistics	spring semester 2025
Jonathan Link	professor	Physics	fall semester 2024
Meryl Mims	associate professor	Biological Sciences	spring semester 2025
Ignacio Moore	professor	Biological Sciences	fall semester 2024
D. Sarah Stamps	associate professor	Geosciences	fall semester 2024
Shu-Ming Sun	professor	Mathematics	fall semester 2024
Dorothea Tholl	professor	Biological Sciences	fall semester 2024

Pamplin College of Business (1)

Faculty Name	Rank	Department	Leave dates
France Belanger	professor	Accounting and Information Systems	spring semester 2025

Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine (1)

Faculty Name	Rank	Department	Leave dates
Lijuan Yuan	professor	Biomedical Sciences and Pathobiology	spring semester 2025