

SUMMARY
Faculty Research Leaves (6)
2025-26

College	Study-Research	Research Assignment	Total
College of Engineering	2	2	4
College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences	0	1	1
College of Science	0	1	1
TOTAL	2	4	6

RECOMMENDATION:

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

June 3, 2025

FACULTY RESEARCH LEAVES

2025-26

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 Engineering (2)			
Faculty Name	Rank	Department	Leave dates
Mathieu Joerger	associate professor*	Aerospace and Ocean Engineering	academic year 2025-26
Sang Won Lee	associate professor*	Computer Science	academic year 2025-26

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

College of Engineering (2)			
Faculty Name	Rank	Department	Leave dates
Bimal Viswanath	associate professor*	Computer Science	fall semester 2025
Greg Young	professor*	Aerospace and Ocean Engineering	fall semester 2025

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences (1)			
Faculty Name	Rank	Department	Leave dates
Edward Polanco	associate professor*	History	spring semester 2026

College of Science (1)			
Faculty Name	Rank	Department	Leave dates
Jeremy Draghi	associate professor*	Biological Sciences	fall semester 2025

**pending approval of tenure by Board of Visitors on June 3, 2025*