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Faculty Relations Corner: **What Did I Just Sign Up For?**

Dear Faculty Relations: *I've just started my leadership role and it truly is a brave new world. Before I rush headlong into my job, can you tell me how the university understands my responsibilities as an academic leader? — Trepidatious*

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ALI Upcoming Opportunities and Events

Will Your Unit Leadership Be Changing Next Year?

If you are welcoming a new chair, director, associate chair, associate dean or dean at the end of this academic year, please inform them of the required [ALI New Leaders Orientation](#) on August 13. *The orientation is also for current and former academic leaders who have not attended this event in the past three years.*

Please share the names of any new academic leaders with our Program Coordinator for Faculty Development and Support, [Sana Mian](#).



NCFDD Panel for Academic Leaders

The National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity ([NCFDD](#)) is hosting an online panel, “What I Wished I Would Have Known as an Academic Leader and University Administrator,” on July 23 from 12-1. Current and former university administrators will share their expertise and advice on academic leadership, including CU Boulder’s very own Erin Furtak, professor of STEM Education and former associate dean of faculty in the School of Education.

We encourage you to tune in for an insightful discussion. If you don't already have one, [sign up](#) for a free NCFDD membership using your CU email address, and then follow [this link](#) to register for the panel.

Just in Time

July is the time for end-of-year staff evaluations, followed by performance planning in August. Set goals, provide feedback, and foster professional growth among your staff. Read these one-minute gems on [staff evaluations](#) and [performance planning](#).

Opportunities for Your Faculty

ACUMent: Across CU Mentoring

Consider joining the [Across CU Mentoring \(ACUMent\) program](#) this upcoming academic year! ACUMent offers two mentoring formats: **Mentor Matches** pair faculty with experienced mentors for advice, support, and encouragement in areas of aligned interests. **Peer Circles** are small groups of 5-7 faculty members engaging in mutual mentoring through focused discussions based on shared interests or identities.

If you are interested in becoming a mentor, a mentee, or getting involved in the peer circles, please [apply here](#). The deadline to apply is **September 6**. Faculty at all career stages can apply.

Questions? Contact our [FDS Team](#).

Mind-Full to Mindful 🧠

*“Increasing the strength of our minds is the only way to reduce the difficulty of life.”
— Mokokoma Mokhonoana*

With International Self-Care Day on July 24th, let’s take a moment to assess our self-care routines before the busy year ahead. As ambitious faculty and academic leaders, our days often blur together between full calendars, conflicting priorities, and tight deadlines. While exercise and healthy eating support our physical health, it’s equally important to prioritize our mental health. This encouraging [TED Talk](#) offers advice on nurturing your mind alongside your body for overall success at work and at home.

Need Coaching?

Academic leadership requires a wide range of skills and not all of these come instinctively. Faculty Relations offers one-on-one consultations to help you to realize your potential.

Schedule a Consultation