

USI New Faculty Orientation

August 6-8, 2025

Draft Agenda

Wednesday, August 6

New Employee Orientation - Human Resources

Note: Attend if you have not attended the HR New Employee Orientation. See communications from HR.

Location: WA 1 (formerly Forum I, located in the Wright Administration building and near HR)

9:00 - 11:45 am Welcome, IT Security, Public Safety, Disability Services, Institutional Equity, Benefits

New Faculty Orientation Welcome

12:00 - 12:10 pm Board vans to Historic New Harmony | Meet at the Orr Center driveway/circle

12:50 - 1:30 pm Lunch and Welcome from the Provost and Deans | Historic New Harmony Atheneum
Drs. Shelly Blunt, Provost and Jason Hardgrave, Assistant Provost
Drs. Teri Beam, Michael Dixon, Del Doughty, Julie McCullough & Sudesh Mujumdar, Deans;
Ms. Marna Hostetler, Director of Rice Library

1:30 - 2:00 pm Introduction to Historic New Harmony: Opportunities
Leslie Townsend, Diane Sanders

2:05 - 3:00 pm Tram tour and exploring Historic New Harmony

3:05 - 3:15 pm Board vans to USI – Return to USI by 4 pm

Thursday, August 7: New Faculty Orientation Day 1 - Getting to Know USI

Location: Business and Engineering Center (BE) Room 0035, unless noted

8:00 - 8:30 am Check-in and Continental Breakfast

8:30 - 8:45 am Welcome from President Steve Bridges

8:45 - 9:45 am Welcome to New Faculty Orientation! - New Faculty Introductions

9:45 - 10:00 am Break

10:15 - 11:00 am Supporting Student Success at USI
Priorities in Supporting Academic Success - Dr. Jason Hardgrave, Assistant Provost
Helping Our Students Thrive - Dr. Laurie Berry, Dean of Students Office
Who Are Our Students? - Greg Johnson, Interim Chief Data Officer, Institutional Analytics Office

11:05 - 11:40 am Exploring Your Role as a Faculty Member at USI - Warm Up

11:45 am - 12:45 pm Lunch | BE Lakeside Lounge, 2nd Floor

12:45 - 1:00 pm Break

1:00 - 1:45 pm Faculty Panel: Tips for Success and Lessons Learned

1:50 - 2:20 pm Teaching & Learning at USI - Warm Up
Dr. Amy Chan Hilton, Director, Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning (CETL)

2:20 - 2:30 pm Day 1 Wrap-Up

2:35 - 3:00 pm Reappointment, Promotion, and Tenure Overview (optional)
Dr. Amy Chan Hilton, Director of CETL

8:30 am - 3:00 pm* Eagle Access Card (University ID) | University Center West, Lower Level

2:30 - 4:30 pm* [Photography Studio](#) drop-in | Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness Center, Room 220

Friday, August 8: New Faculty Orientation Day 2 - Teaching & Learning at USI

Location: Business & Engineering Center (BE) Room 0035, unless noted

New/recent full-time and adjunct faculty members are invited to participate in the Day 2 sessions.

- 8:30 - 9:00 am Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 - 9:05 am Day 2 Overview
- 9:05 - 10:45 am Getting Ready for Teaching and Supporting Student Learning at USI
Dr. Amy Chan Hilton, Director of CETL and OSPR (Sponsored Projects & Research)
- 10:45 - 11:00 am Break
- 11:00 - 11:45 am Resource Fair | BE 1st Floor Atrium
Career Services Center, Counseling and Psychological Services, Center for International Programs, Dean of Students Office, Disability Resources, Faculty Senate, Graduate Studies, Honors Program & LLC, Human Resources, Information Technology, Institutional Analytics, Multicultural Center, Online and Adult Learning, Outreach and Engagement, Recreation, Fitness & Wellness Center, Rice Library, Service Learning, Sponsored Projects and Research, University Core, University Division
- 11:45 am - 12:30 pm Lunch | BE 0035
- 12:30 - 12:40 pm Break and Transition to the Computer Lab (BE 2001)
- 12:40 - 1:20 pm Introduction to Library, Disability Resources, IT & Online Instruction Tools | BE 2001
- 1:20 - 1:45 pm Teaching & Learning Tools Hands-on Lab and Q&A | BE 2001
Rice Library, Disability Resources, IT/Blackboard, Online & Adult Learning
- 1:45 - 2:30 pm Getting Started with Blackboard Ultra: Hands-on Session (optional)
- 8:30 am - 3:00 pm* Eagle Access Card (University ID) | University Center West, Lower Level
- 2:00 - 4:30 pm* [Photography Studio](#) drop-in | Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness Center, Room 220

Getting Around USI

[USI Campus map](#) | Parking information: Parking is free, and permits are not needed.

- For Human Resources Orientation: Parking Lot B is the closest to the Wright Administration Building (WA) and Forum Wing.
- During NFO sessions on Thursday and Friday, Parking Lot J is adjacent to the Business and Engineering Center (BE). Parking Lot D is nearest to Rice Library and Recreation Center.
- Reserved handicap spaces are available next to the Orr Center, Business and Engineering Center (BE), Rice Library, and the Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness Center.

Upcoming Events of Interest

- August 4, 6-8 [Photography Studio](#) drop-in | Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness Center, Room 220
Monday at 1-3:30 pm, Wednesday 9 am-12 pm, Thursday 2:30-4:30 pm, and Friday 2-4:30 pm
- Tuesday, August 12 Fall University Meeting & Lunch | Screaming Eagles Arena
- August 13-15 College/Department Meetings (check with your Chair)
- Monday, August 18 Fall Semester and Classes begin!
- Week of August 25 New Faculty Academy sessions start