

University of Kentucky

2026 New Faculty Orientation

August 21, 2026 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Location: Jacob Science Building, rm 121

8:30 – 9:00	Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:00 – 9:15	Welcome to UK <i>Dr. Kenneth Jones – Assistant Provost for Faculty Professional Development</i>
	Welcome from the Office for Faculty Advancement <i>Dr. Rebecca Thomas – Associate Provost for Faculty Advancement</i>
	Welcome from the Office of the Provost <i>Dr. Jana Jasinski – Vice Provost</i>
9:15 – 9:20	“This is UK” (video)
9:20 – 10:20	Campus Connections - Presentations Office of the Vice President for Research – <i>Dr. Ilhem Messaoudi, Vice President for Research</i> Office for Student Success – <i>Dr. Kirsten Turner, Vice President for Student Success</i>
10:20 – 10:30	Break
10:30 – 10:50	Support and Resources for Teaching at UK Center for the Enhancement of Learning & Teaching (CELT) <i>Dr. Trey Conatser, Assistant Provost for Teaching and Learning</i>
10:50 – 11:20	UK Benefits – Gail Carbol, Acting HR Benefits Director
11:20 – 11:45	UK Culture & Politics – <i>Jay Blanton, Chief Communications Officer</i>
11:45 – 12:15	What Worked for Me May Work for You (Successful Strategies to Consider)- Faculty Panel
	<u>Panel (Moderator: Ken Jones)</u> Sarah Dorpinghous – Library Sciences Dr. Amanda Ellis – College of Public Health Colin Shepley – College of Education Dr. Shelita Jackson – College of Social Work Dr. Gavin Howington – College of Pharmacy
12:15	Lunch & Resource Tables