

First Day

2026 Montana State University New Faculty Success Checklist

As part of the Center for Faculty Excellence's [Early Career Faculty Success Program](#), these checklists are specifically designed for new faculty – tenured, tenure-track or non-tenure track (instructors) – outlining what you need to know, who to contact and when.

Item	Instructions	Contact
ALL FACULTY—Complete by First Day		
☐ Complete HR Onboarding	You will receive onboarding material from HR through DocuSign that will contain your MSU email, GID and NetID and important tasks to complete your onboarding. • Use your DocuSign checklist to set up your NetID password and Duo, the two-factor authentication system, and complete your I9. • You will need to know your NetID and have access to use Duo before moving forward with email/Outlook setup.	Human Resources 406-994-3651 hrservicecenter@montana.edu
☐ Setup Email	Setup your Microsoft Office 365 Email for Faculty & Staff.	UIT Service Desk 406-994-1777 helpdesk@montana.edu
☐ Log into MyInfo	Go to: Faculty & Staff page • Click “MyMSU” and login using your NetID and password. • Update your mailing address, phone(s), preferred email, etc. • Find your timecard under the Employee Services tab: < Home Campus Apps & Resources Employee Services Faculty Tools Per	UIT Service Desk 406-994-1777 helpdesk@montana.edu
☐ Attend Orientations	• Attend New Faculty Orientation, August 20th – Learn more here • New Employee Orientation – get help with required forms and benefits information and is offered for faculty on August 21st • Review New Employee IT Information	Center for Faculty Excellence 406-994-4555 cfe@montana.edu

☐ Meet with your Department Head/Director/Assoc Dean	• Go over checklists • Telephone Services – request a phone or change directory listing • How do I update my directory listing? • Campus Key Request • Computer • Purchasing processes • Department meetings • Department email lists or Teams site where information is shared • Ask about a departmental/school/college mentoring program	Department Head/Director/Assoc Dean
TEACHING		
☐ Learn about your Classroom	More information on your classroom can be found in MyMSU. You can find out the details about your classroom in the Classroom Guidebook. The guidebook organizes classrooms by size, building, and type and highlights important classroom features including: Technology features, Classroom design features, and Accessibility features.	
☐ Review Info for First Day of Class	Review Information for your first day of class including resources for creating your syllabus, viewing classroom and technology resources. • Suggestions for What to do on your first day of class – including how to prepare, getting books, understanding learning outcomes & more.	Center for Faculty Excellence 406-994-4555 cfe@montana.edu
RESEARCH		
☐ Find your Space	Work with your Department Head/Director/Assoc Dean to find out about your lab/studio and office space.	Department Head/Director/Assoc Dean
☐ Learn about Research Compliance	Visit the Research Integrity & Compliance webpage to learn about programs designed to ensure compliance with federal, state, and local regulations for research. The Research Integrity and Compliance Training Webpage summarizes the required trainings based on the nature of your research.	Research Integrity & Compliance 406-994-6732