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HIGHLANDERS
RISE TOGETHER

The Realizing Inclusive Student Excellence (RISE) program aims to improve student success in our courses and to foster a sense of academic belonging in our students. Towards this goal, up to 20 faculty will be enrolled in our Faculty Institute each year to explore how to remove barriers to learning; engage students, diversity, and differences; and foster academic belonging. There are three parts to the faculty institute spanning an academic year and includes a spring course release and summer stipend.

2025 RISE Faculty Institute: Program at a glance

Part I: Training. Spring Semester

Part I of the faculty institute lays the groundwork for course revision and will begin with Fellows exploring identities and implicit biases. Each Fellow will then do an equity gap analysis of the data from their course

and begin exploring different inclusive and active learning teaching approaches and how to foster belonging. Each Fellow will complete a pre- and post-training Inclusive Teaching Practices Inventory that will help the Fellow with planning and assessing their progress and will also help with program assessment. In Part I, faculty are compensated with one course reassignment for their time commitment for in-person workshops and online modules.

Part II: Course Redesign. Summer

The goal of faculty institute Part II is course redesign. Part II training sessions revolve around course revision and development, including a syllabus audit, backward course design, Universal Design for Learning, accessibility, equitable assessments, and transparent assignments. In Part II, faculty receive \$2500 for their time commitment for workshops and online modules.

Part III: Course implementation and Community of Practice. Fall and/or Spring

Part III of the Institute is the implementation phase. Each Fellow will implement the course they revised during Part II. (This may occur in either the fall or spring semesters, depending on the course.) During implementation, the community of practice will begin for the cohort. There will be regular meetings throughout the semesters for Fellows to touch base with each other, reflect on their teaching, and share successes, areas for improvement, and resources. There is a presumption of continuous improvement during the implementation semester and thereafter with the support of the community of practice.

Please use the QR code to apply! Rolling applications, but preference for applications by May 1.

You may also apply here



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College of Visual and
Performing Arts



The University Performance Series Presents The Queen's Cartoonists: This promises to be one of the most entertaining offerings from the University Performance Series in recent memory. The Queen's Cartoonists will perform live in the Bondurant Auditorium in Preston Hall on Tuesday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m.

[Get tickets here](#)

ART: www.radford.edu/art

ART MUSEUMS: www.radford.edu/artmuseum

Design Department Senior Exhibition: April 4 - April 14

Closing reception: Sunday, April 14, 2024 at 2 p.m.

Covington Gallery

MFA Show: April 5 - April 13

Opening reception: Friday, April 5, 2024 at 5 pm.

The Tyler Gallery (214 Tyler Ave.)

DANCE: www.radford.edu/dance

Student Choreography Showcase: April 10 - April 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Albig Studio in Peters Hall

Free Admission

DESIGN: www.radford.edu/design

Design Department Senior Exhibition: April 4 - April 14

Closing reception: Sunday, April 14, 2024 at 2 p.m. Covington Gallery

MUSIC: www.radford.edu/music

Percussion Ensemble Concert: April 8

Free Admission 7:30 P.M.

Davis Performance Hall in the Covington Center

Voice Recital: April 9

Free Admission 7:30 P.M.

Davis Performance Hall in the Covington Center

University Community Band Concert: April 10

Free Admission 7:30 P.M.

Davis Performance Hall in the Covington Center

2024 Truist Innovation Challenge Final Pitches



Radford University's
Davis College of
Business & Economics

Truist Innovation Challenge

Fri, April 19th | 2pm-4pm

Alumni, business leaders, and institutional partners:
Join us in supporting Radford's future business and social innovators pitch
their ideas at our annual Truist Innovation Challenge!

**Social
Innovation**

**Economic
Innovation**

**Institutional
Innovation**

For updates, click here-->
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RSVP NOW

The poster features a yellow and blue color scheme. It includes a circular inset image of hands stacked together, symbolizing teamwork. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical manner, starting with the university name, followed by the event title, date, and a call to action. Three icons represent different innovation categories: a hand holding a gear for Social Innovation, a stack of coins for Economic Innovation, and a bus for Institutional Innovation.

Dear Radford Alumni, Students, Business and Community Leaders, Faculty, and Institutional Partners,

You are cordially invited to witness the culmination of innovation and entrepreneurship at the 2024 Truist Innovation Challenge Final Pitch event. Join us as we support some of our most innovative students from across campus who have dedicated their semester to developing groundbreaking entrepreneurial solutions.

Event Details:

Final Pitch Date: Friday, April 19th

Time: 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Location: Radford, Kyle Hall - Room KH320

This event is a unique opportunity for our entrepreneurial alumni, students, and leaders from the business community and academia to engage with and support the next generation of innovators. Your presence will not only inspire our participants but also provide them with invaluable insights and connections that can help propel their ideas to the next level.

The Truist Innovation Challenge encourages students to tackle real-world problems through social, economic, and institutional innovation. Please RSVP to confirm your attendance and join us in celebrating the spirit of innovation that defines our institution. Your support and participation are vital to the success of our students and entrepreneurial ecosystem. Contact Dr. Samantha Steidle at ssteidle@radford.edu and cc mlrice1@radford.edu with any questions. We look forward to welcoming you to an afternoon of compelling pitches, networking, and the celebration of entrepreneurial talent.

RSVP



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Events at McConnell Library

Bookworms & Book Talk book groups, April 8, 14, and 22, 5 pm, Bird Room

CrafTea paint a pot, then plant a succulent! April 9, 11 am—noon, McConnell Lounge
**limited to the first 30 student participants*

Kelly Starling Lyons author reading, April 9, 5 pm, The Bonnie

Library Quotes art reception, April 10, 11:30 am, Ross Gallery

Winesett Awards for Library Research, April 12, 12:30 pm, Ross Gallery

APA Workshop, April 16, 2 pm, ILC-B room 380

Authors Celebration, recognizing our RU authors, April 16, 3 pm, Ross Gallery

Stress Buster #36, April 23, petting zoo, buttons, snacks, & crafts!

RECURRING PROGRAMS

- **Music Mondays**, noon-1pm, Bird Room
 - April 8: John Hildreth
 - April 15: Whitney Lewis
- **Yappy Hour**, every Tuesday, 2:30-3:30 pm, Bird Room
- **Game Night**, every Tuesday, 6-8:30 pm, Bird Room and ILC-B
- **Research Help**, every Wednesday, noon-2 pm, The Bonnie
- **Free Fresh Fruit**, every Saturday and Sunday starting at 11 am

Events at the RUC Library

Yappy Hour, every Thursday, noon-1 pm with Louie from Tartan Tails in Room 520

Winesett Awards Luncheon Reception, Friday, April 12, 12:30-2 pm in Room 514

Trivia - The 1990's, Tuesday, April 16 at Noon in room 518

Chocolate Day, Monday, April 22, Noon 'til it's gone in the RUC Library

Make Your Own Button, Wednesday, April 24, 10 am - 2 pm in the 5th Floor seating area

Weekend Hours for Exams, Saturday, April 27, Noon - 6 pm

Sunday, April 28, 1 pm-7 pm

Supper at the Study Inn, Monday, April 29, 5 pm - 8 pm in the RUC Library

Radford Reads + Radford University



[Kelly Starling Lyons](#), children's book author, teaching artist, and diverse books advocate, will give a presentation, "Windows to the Past," at The Bonnie on Tuesday, April 9 at 5:00 pm. Free and open to the

New River Symposium 2024

APRIL 11-12, 2024 • RADFORD UNIVERSITY
STUDENT RECREATION & WELLNESS CENTER



Keynote Speakers

Thursday 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Dr. Bret Danilowicz, Radford University President, is ensuring that the transformative benefits of higher education are readily accessible to the diverse populations served by Radford University.

FRIDAY 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Chief Jamie Poteat Harris, of the New River Catawba Nation As Chief, Harris serves as the contact person between the Tribe and both Federal and State agencies. She oversees all Tribe activities and is the “face” of the New River Catawba Nation at all public functions

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