



Dear Colleagues:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the University of Arizona! You have joined an outstanding research university – one that is set apart by both its unique arid desert landscape and its colleagues with boundless aspirations and achievements.

This first year, you will be called on to stretch your skills at “multi-tasking”, simultaneously establishing your research program, mentoring students, preparing classes and other activities that make an impact. I would encourage you to also become familiar with our interdisciplinary research and engagement efforts that offer wonderful opportunities to connect with diverse scholars across campus, <http://research.arizona.edu/research-centers-and-institutes>

My office, Research, Discovery & Innovation, is ready to help you with a full menu of services for your research needs, including help in finding suitable external funding opportunities for your work and on-going, individual assistance with grantsmanship and proposal development. Check it out - <http://rgw.arizona.edu/development/home>. Whether you are seeking research grant support from federal agencies, industry, or international NGO’s, we are here to help you be successful.

Finally, you will be busy with the semester rush, and I hope you can take a little time to attend a few cultural events at our renowned campus museums, poke around downtown, or experience some of our great local natural venues. Tucson is a vibrant community that has something exciting to offer everyone!

I look forward to talking with you about establishing your research program and the support provided here at the University of Arizona to help you be successful. If you have not done so, please send your [RSVP](#) online to attend the New Faculty Orientation on August 15 or contact Asya Roberts at asya@email.arizona.edu.

Sincerely,

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