

Dear New Faculty Member,

Welcome to Kansas State University!

Through this letter, I would like to introduce you to K-State's New Faculty Institute (NFI). The core purpose of the Institute is to introduce newly hired faculty members to KSU's missions of teaching, research and service, and to facilitate their successful involvement in those missions. The NFI provides an excellent opportunity to new members of our faculty to familiarize or refresh themselves with the "tools of our trade".

Institute participants will meet first at the New Faculty and Unclassified Professionals Orientation on August 17, and then at various times during the academic year. The Institute facilitates conversational forums where new faculty members discuss issues ranging from class management and successful research, to promotion and tenure. These conversational forums create the opportunity for peer-mentoring and long-lasting friendships. I will strongly support your decision to enroll in the Institute.

A tentative schedule for the 2011-2012 NFI sessions is available at the Institute's website: www.ksu.edu/nfi. You may register for the Institute during the New Faculty Orientation on August 17, 2011 or earlier by sending an e-mail message to nfi@ksu.edu

I look forward to your arrival in Manhattan!

Best wishes,

Department Head