



Dear Faculty and Staf ,

These weekly updates will serve as a tool to keep you informed and engaged with SMU's Academic Affairs division as, together, we work toward achieving the goals that fall within our four priority areas through 2025: 1)



All full-time faculty with a passion for advancing SMU's global strategy are encouraged to apply. Application packets should include: 1) a letter of interest describing relevant experience and vision for SMU internationalization, 2) a current CV, and 3) an optional statement of preference for compensation (stipend or course buyout). Completed packets should be submitted to [oscherwi@smu.edu](mailto:oscherwi@smu.edu) no later than 5 p.m. on February 7, 2025.

For questions or additional information, please contact Dayna Oscherwitz at [oscherwi@smu.edu](mailto:oscherwi@smu.edu).

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On Tuesday, January 21, 2025, the Office of the Dean of Students sent a letter to students, faculty and staff regarding SMU's policies against hazing. Hazing is a violation of Texas law and SMU's . Individuals or organizations engaging in hazing could be subject to fines and charged with a criminal offense as well as face disciplinary action from the University.

Students who become aware of hazing activity can report it to the Office of Student Conduct & Community Standards by [clicking here](#) or to the SMU Police Department, or both. Information about hazing may also be reported anonymously through the SMU Police Department's Silent Witness Program by calling 214-SMU-2TIP or online at <http://www.smu.edu/2tip>. Hazing activity may also be reported anonymously via Real Response by texting 205-TXT2SMU and a member of the Dean of Students' Office will respond as needed. Anonymous reports of hazing activity may also be made through the SMU Fraud Reporting Program by calling 844-995-4895 or accessing the online portal at: [smu.ethicspoint.com](http://smu.ethicspoint.com) or the mobile reporting site: [smumobile.ethicspoint.com](http://smumobile.ethicspoint.com).

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All new and returning faculty are encouraged to review the [University Testing Center's \(UTC\)](#) testing policies and services.

Academic testing services are provided to students with accommodations granted by the Office of Disability Accommodations & Success Strategies (DASS) and to student-athletes traveling during competition season. Students are required to schedule testing appointments in the [UTC Portal](#) at least three business days prior to their classroom testing date. Professors must first create exam submissions in the UTC Portal so that students may register.

but they must be received at least two business days prior to the testing date. User videos and step-by-step instructions for using the UTC Portal are available for both [students](#) and [professors](#) on the [UTC website](#).

[Online placement testing](#) is available for chemistry, math, and second language courses as a way to help both our incoming and current students find the correct course to enroll in based on their demonstrate manohms h - h o h - h

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Graduate students interested in applying for the Texas Space Grant Consortium Fellowships should connect with the Moody Fellowships Office or Dr. Rachel Ball-Phillip, director of Graduate Fellowships and Awards, at [rmball@smu.edu](mailto:rmball@smu.edu).

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SMU English's Narrative Now Initiative has announced an upcoming visit from Alison Bechdel, one of the world's most influential cartoonists and graphic memoirists. The week-long residency taking place January 27-