



University Life Professional Development May 2026 Newsletter

Hi UL & Friends!

Somehow it is May, Mason Graduation week, with a Mason Summer is just around the corner and you made this year a truly a phenomenal one for our students and each other!

We hope that you have been able to connect with your teams to recognize and celebrate the work done over this academic year prior to the transition into the landscape of summer initiatives. While the landscape of summer looks different across units with welcoming incoming students and their families, moving special project forward, and preparing for the adventures of the next academic year, UL will be providing opportunities to connect and be in community, and we hope you can join us. Check the events below!

We are VERY excited to welcome you, along with our UL colleague and campus partners at the UL Student Success Symposium in just a couple of weeks. If you have not yet registered, we have linked it below! This year is going to be the best yet with a full program of exceptional workshops and educational sessions... and a dynamic raffle to close out the experience!

As you are working through your goals and planning for the upcoming year, know our team is here to support you and your teams. Whether we are consulting with you on professional development, retreat development, or tailored session facilitation; we'd love to support! [Submit a UL Professional Development Consultation form today.](#)

Warmly,

The UL Professional Development Team

Student Success Symposium Registration Open!



Dear UL Colleagues,

REGISTRATION IS OPEN for the 2026 University Life Student Success Symposium, taking place on June 2nd and 3rd, at the Johnson Center on the Fairfax Campus.

- ☐ [**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW**](#)
- ☐ **Registration closes May 26, 2026**
- ☐ Learn more at ulsymposium.gmu.edu

The UL Symposium is the division's annual signature professional development experience, offering a chance to connect with colleagues, reflect on our shared work, and engage with topics essential to student success.

The 2026 UL Symposium invites us to reflect and prepare for the year ahead through interactive and engaging experiences grounded in the UL Core Values. Throughout the event, we will enrich our professional practice by embodying these values, aligning them with our daily efforts, and putting them into action across our roles.

Schedule Overview:

- **Pre-Symposium Workshops and Events:** Tuesday, June 2
- **UL Student Success Symposium:** Wednesday, June 3
- **Location:** Johnson Center, Fairfax Campus

Please share this opportunity with your colleagues and teams across the division.

Questions? Contact us at ulprodev@gmu.edu.

We look forward to learning and growing together in June!

Warm regards,
University Life Symposium Planning Team

Register Here!

Learn More on the Student Success Symposium Website

Save the Date for Our Summer Day of Service!

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2026 UL Day of Service

Stronger Together: A Day to Give, Grow, and Connect





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Date: Wednesday, July 22nd
Time: 9:00am-2:00pm
Info: ulprofdev.gmu.edu/dayofservice

[Learn more here!](#)

Upcoming Programs & Events

UL Tech Tips: SharePoint Session

Spring 2026

UL TECH TIPS SERIES

12
May

SHAREPOINT

1:00 - 2:00 PM

A Place to Store, Share, and Stay Aligned

- Discover effective utilizations of SharePoint
- Develop strategies for use and implementation

Learn more on Eventbrite!



Register Here:

<https://ULTT-MS-SharePoint.eventbrite.com>



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Join us for our May UL Tech Tips session!

What to expect:

- Participants will identify the primary components of a SharePoint site
- Participants will explore how to create a page in SharePoint
- Participants will articulate the difference between SharePoint and OneDrive

Register Here!

Conference Proposal Drafting Workshop

UL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE PROPOSAL WRITING WORKSHOP



CONFERENCE PROPOSAL WRITING WORKSHOP WILL PROVIDE BEST PRACTICE TIPS AND CONSIDERATIONS WITH PROGRAM PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT, ALONG WITH A COMMUNITY SPACE TO DEVELOP YOUR CONCEPT.

COME WITH A COUPLE OF PROGRAM IDEAS - IT IS OKAY IF DON'T HAVE ANY THOUGHTS YET – WE WILL HELP YOU GROW YOUR GOOD THINKING!



**WED.
MAY 20 2026**



11:00AM - 12:00PM



**LOCATION: TEAMS
(LINK PROVIDED UPON REGISTRATION)**

RSVP:

[HTTPS://2026PROPOSALWRITINGWORKSHOP.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://2026PROPOSALWRITINGWORKSHOP.EVENTBRITE.COM)

Are you interested in presenting at conferences but not sure how to write a winning proposal? Join us for this online workshop where we will cover all the essentials of crafting a successful conference proposal. Learn tips and tricks from experienced presenters and improve your chances of getting accepted to speak at your next conference.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to enhance your proposal writing skills and increase your chances of sharing your expertise with a wider audience. Sign up now and take your conference presentations to the next level!

[Register Here](#)

UL Productivity Power Hour - Summer Series!

Join UL's

Productivity Power Hour!

Get it done this summer!

Drop in anytime!

Join us at 11am every other Thursday over the summer!

May	June	July
22	4+18	2+16+30

REGISTER AT:
[HTTPS://PRODUCTIVITY-POWER-HOUR-SUMMER26.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://productivity-power-hour-summer26.eventbrite.com)

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Feeling swamped with semester projects and deadlines? Join our Virtual Productivity Power Hour focus sessions and rediscover your motivation and momentum. In just one hour on Zoom, we've designed an environment that empowers you to make real progress on your projects.

Why Join?

- **Accountability:** Co-working in a virtual setting keeps you on track and accountable for your goals.

- **Resource Hub:** Get access to tools and tips that will enhance your productivity.
- **Colleague Support:** Share the virtual workspace with colleagues who are equally driven, making work feel less like work.

[Register Here](#)

UL Professional Development Consultation Services

University Life's Professional Development team is here to support you with customized consultations designed to meet your unique needs. Whether you're planning a team retreat, developing a training program, or seeking individual career coaching, we offer a range of services to help you achieve your goals.

Complete the intake form and let the adventure begin!



UNIVERSITY LIFE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONSULTATION

Tailored Support for You and Your Team's Professional Development Journey

The University Life Professional Development team is here to help with everything from team retreats to individual coaching.

Complete our intake form to schedule an initial meeting. We'll help design a plan to support you and your team's unique goals and growth needs.

forms.office.com/r/d3EJJZVQcz



CONSULTATION SERVICES INCLUDE



Retreat Development
for Unit/Team



Customized Team
Training and
Workshops



Program Design



Graduate Professional
Assistantship
Development



Thought
Partnership/Brainstorming

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Consultation Services Intake Form

Visit the UL Professional Development calendar for more event listings and updates.

<https://ulprofdev.gmu.edu/calendar/>

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