



Mississippi State University Preparing Future Faculty Program Application 2026-2027

The Preparing Future Faculty certificate program is a year-long online and face-to-face program to prepare current graduate students for future faculty positions. By completing this program, participants will be well-equipped to navigate the responsibilities of a faculty role, articulate an academic vision, and effectively present themselves during interviews.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: Friday, September 4, 2026

Candidates will be notified about selection in PFF no later than September 11, 2026.

1. Personal Information

Name: _____ Net ID: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

2. Academic Information

MSU Major/Discipline: _____ MSU Advisor's Name: _____

Degree: MS PhD Post-Doc Other

Date Started MSU Degree: _____ Expected Date of Graduation: _____

Position as of Fall 2025: Graduate Research Assistant Graduate Teaching Assistant Other

3. Requirement Agreement

Completion of the Preparing Future Faculty Program includes attendance at an Introductory Luncheon, six classes (all on Fridays from 12:00-1:30), and a Final Luncheon. In addition to the six classes and two luncheons, there will be assignments in each of the six modules in Canvas that include reading, writing, and some interaction with your peers. Completion of Online Teaching 101 is also recommended. Please review the calendar below to confirm your availability for this program.

Preparing Future Faculty
2026- 2027 Schedule

DATE	TIME	TOPIC	LOCATION
Friday, September 25 th	11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Introductory Luncheon	Coskrey Auditorium in Memorial Hall
Friday, October 16 th	12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Faculty Roles and Responsibilities	Old Main Room 1200
Friday, October 30 th	12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Interviewing for a Faculty Position	Old Main Room 1200
Friday, November 13 th	12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Teaching Portfolio and Philosophy	Old Main Room 1200
Friday, February 5 th	12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Research and Scholarly Activity	Old Main Room 1200
Friday, February 26 th	12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Teaching Observation	Old Main Room 1200
Friday, March 26 th	12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Lesson Planning	Old Main Room 1200
Friday, April 16 th	11:30 am – 1:30 pm	Etiquette Luncheon and Certificate Presentation	Coskrey Auditorium in Memorial Hall

4. Endorsement by Advisor or Graduate Coordinator

Endorsement indicates willingness to attest to candidate's preparedness and availability for the program requirements.

(Advisor/Graduate Coordinator signature)

5. Statement of Interest

In 250–400 words, describe your past professional experience, future plans, and the specific benefits you hope to gain from the program.

6. Participant Signature

By signing below, I confirm that I have read and agree to the application requirements and program expectations outlined in this application.

(Participant signature)