Human Resources

Spring 2025

The SPH Human Resources Team is committed to ensuring faculty & staff have a positive journey through every step of the employee life cycle in SPH.

RECRUIT, HIRE & ONBOARD

With diversity at the forefront, we attract outstanding candidates and eliminate barriers by ensuring provision of equitable pay, timely training, and a supportive environment to accelerate their success.

MANAGE & RECOGNIZE

We build a culture of accountability that recognizes and rewards excellence, promotes a healthy workplace, and fosters inclusivity and collaboration.

ENGAGE & DEVELOP

Through customized programming, we support fulfilling individual career paths and guide workforce planning to retain outstanding, engaged faculty and staff.

TRANSITION & DEPART

We promote respectful transitions for separating faculty and staff and foster meaningful emeritus relationships.

IN PARTNERSHIP

School Leadership + Division Management + Supervisors + Employees + Human Resources Team

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The HR Team

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When to Connect with Us

Consultation
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- Conflict management, change management, and workforce planning
- Performance management, ranging from expectation setting, development, and coaching/ discipline
- Planning and implementing organizational design and process improvement initiatives
- Employee engagement
- Rewards and recognition
- Faculty hiring
- DEI initiatives

Partnership
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- Recruitment, hiring, and onboarding
- Compensation analysis
- Classifications and Reclassifications
- Interpretation and application of employment-related laws and regulations and University policies, rules, and labor contracts
- Data analytics & reporting
- Professional development
- Wellbeing and leaves
- Departures and retirement
- Employment verification
- Staff recognition and awards

Operations
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- Student employment
- Human Resources Management System (HRMS) entry and changes
- Payroll management
- Time and absence administration
- Position management
- Background checks
- I-9 employment verification
- Departing employees
- Performance Appraisal Tool (PAT) system management
- SPOT Awards
- Records retention

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Who to Connect with

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