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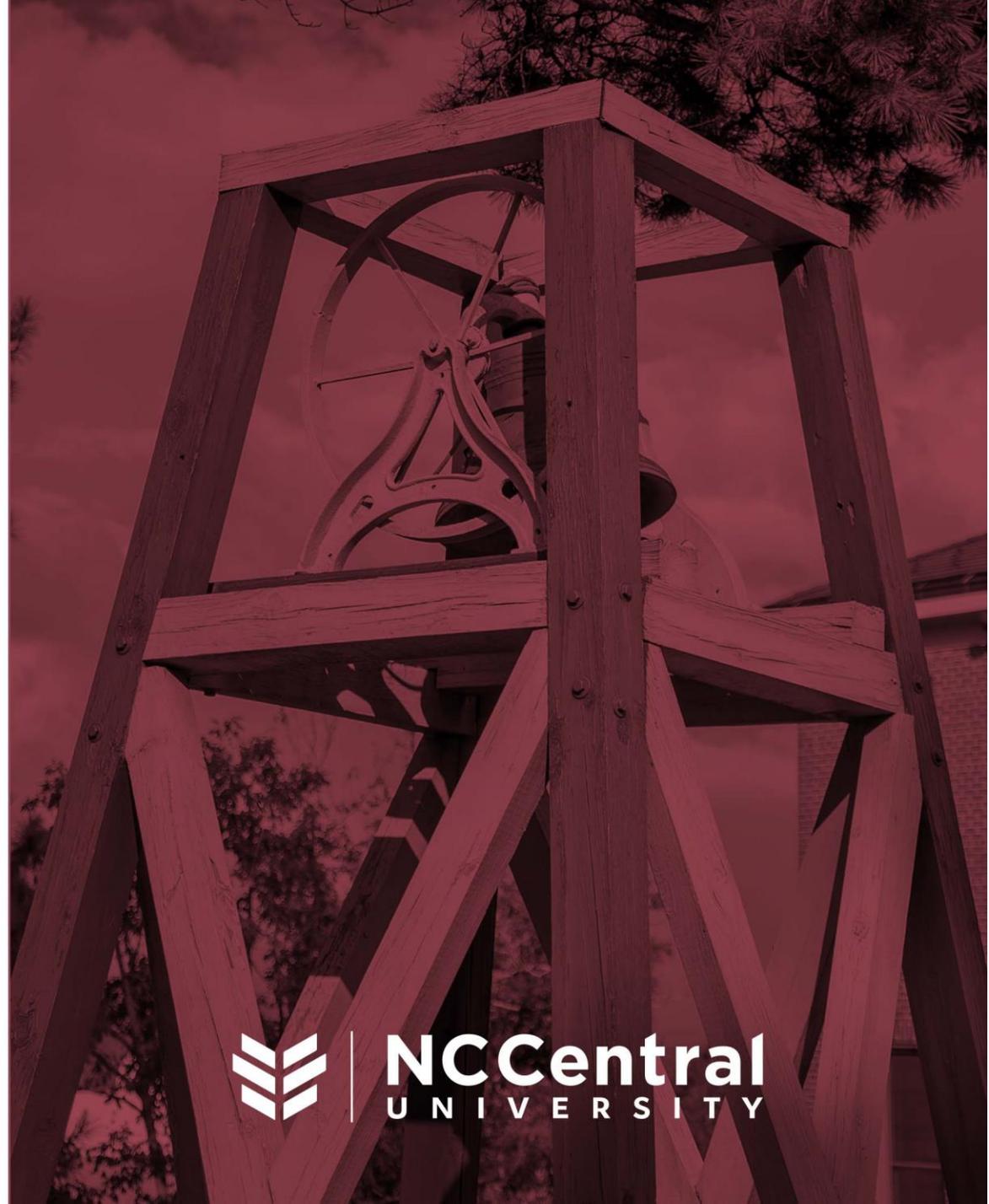
# Academic Affairs Update

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- Spring 2026 Enrollment
- Office Research and Sponsored Programs Update
- PRAXIS Learning Lab Opening
- Peggy Ward Financial Education Center Opening
- Promotion and Tenure Update



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# Spring 2026 Enrollment Update



# UNC System Spring Enrollment

Campus	Spring 2025	Spring 2026	1 Year Difference	% Difference
ASU	20,291	20,461	170	0.83%
ECSU	1,990	2,110	120	6.03%
ECU	24,885	25,512	627	2.52%
FSU	6,681	7,131	450	6.74%
NCAT	13,115	14,410	1,295	9.87%
<b>NCCU</b>	<b>8,056</b>	<b>8,775</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>8.93%</b>
NCSU	36,719	37,342	623	1.70%
UNC CH	31,118	33,163	2,045	6.57%
UNCA	2,801	2,586	-215	-7.68%
UNCC	29,065	30,019	954	3.28%
UNCG	17,012	17,758	746	4.39%
UNCP	7,007	7,298	291	4.15%
UNC SA	1,094	1,126	32	2.93%
UNCW	17,835	18,825	990	5.55%
WCU	10,932	11,095	163	1.49%
WSSU	4,439	4,590	151	3.40%
<b>Total</b>	<b>233,040</b>	<b>242,201</b>	<b>9,161</b>	<b>3.93%</b>

# Online Enrollment

<b>Online Enrollment</b>	<b>Spring 2024 Census</b>	<b>Spring 2025 Census</b>	<b>Spring 2026 Census</b>	<b>2025 vs 2026</b>
Degree Seeking	1,184	1,649	2,010	361
Non-Degree Seeking	58	58	57	-1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,242</b>	<b>1,707</b>	<b>2,067</b>	<b>360</b>

Non-traditional undergraduate students (over 24 years)



# Military Enrollment

<b>Military Enrollment</b>	<b>Spring 2024 Census</b>	<b>Spring 2025 Census</b>	<b>Spring 2026 Census</b>	<b>2025 vs 2026</b>
Degree Seeking	452	628	727	99
Non-Degree Seeking	4	17	16	-1
<b>Total</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>743</b>	<b>98</b>



# New Transfer Enrollments

<b>New Transfer Enrollment</b>	<b>Spring 2024 Census</b>	<b>Spring 2025 Census</b>	<b>Spring 2026 Census</b>	<b>2025 vs 2026</b>
Degree Seeking	160	268	283	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>15</b>

SPRING 2026

# EAGLE PREVIEW

NCCU DECISION DAY



Saturday, April 25, 2026 | 8am - 12:30pm

Check-in: 7am - 8am

Parking: Mary Townes & NCCU Student Center

Event Starting Location:

NCCU Student Center

500 Nelson St.

Durham, NC 27707

8:00 - 8:30 a.m.

## WELCOME SESSION AND PROGRAM OVERVIEW

New Student Center

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

## EAGLE MARKET PLACE

McDougald-McLendon Arena

For information regarding our Nursing Program, please make your way to the Nursing Building.

Dismissal: 10:00 a.m.

## GUESTS WILL LEAVE EAGLE MARKETPLACE

And head to concurrent Breakout Sessions

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS | 10:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Choose the session that most applies to you, or feel free to bounce between sessions.

### STUDENT SESSIONS

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

#### SO YOU WANT TO BE AN EAGLE?

NCCU Student Center Rm 2201

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

#### I'M ADMITTED. WHAT'S NEXT?

Alfonso Elder Student Union

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

#### UNIVERSITY HONORS/ CHEATHAM WHITE

NCCU Student Center Rm 2321

### PARENT SESSION

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

#### EMPTY NEST PANEL

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

#### MONEY MATTERS (SHOW ME THE MONEY)

NCCU Student Center Event Hall Room 2320

### TRANSFERS

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

#### TRANSFER TOOLS AND TIPS

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

#### TRANSFER STUDENT PANEL

NCCU Student Center Senate Chamber, Room 2002



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# Office of Research and Sponsored Programs



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Where Purpose Takes Flight



# Proposals and Awards

Fiscal Year	Proposals (\$M)	Awards (\$M)
2018	88.2	26.8
2019	86.2	31.1
2020	103.9	34.7
2021	167.5	29.4
2022	126.9	27.3
2023	100.6	48.4
2024	90.8	42.9
2025	112.9	31.89
<b>2026 (YTD)</b>	<b>43.41</b>	<b>38.56</b>

Time Period	Proposals	Total	Awards	Total
7/1/2024 – 1/31/2025	89	65,399,844.00	86	25,304,966.00
7/1/2025 – 1/31/2026	81	43,414,530.00	80	38,561,027.00

*Slower proposal submission due to fewer proposal announcements*



# Research Spending

**NCCU Scaling to R2:** Maintaining current spending (avg. \$16M+) far exceeds the R2 spending requirement (\$5M), keeping the focus on **doctoral degree production** for growth and R2 Classification.

Calendar Year	Research Spending (in Millions)
2020	\$15.83
2021	\$14.11
2022	\$16.60
2023	\$16.41
2024	\$16.21
<b>2025</b>	<b>\$17.20</b>





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# Strengthening the Research Ecosystem – Office of Research Development

## Faculty Development & Training Initiatives

- **NCCU Research Advancement Pilot Funding Launch:** Initiating new internal funding mechanisms to catalyze early-stage projects.
- **RAPID Training:** Providing accelerated professional development for research administration and leadership.
- **Writing Workshops:** Facilitating 5-day intensive writing sessions specifically designed to support early-stage researchers in grant development.

## Operational Excellence & Compliance

- ORD & Research Compliance Workshops
- Direct Consultations
- Communications & Outreach
- Enhanced Research Presence

# Research Compliance & Tech Transfer

- Enhanced community-led research capacity of partners through regulatory support and training.
- NCCU first NC Innovation award - Dr. TinChung Leung (PI) - Smarter Tools to Help Communities Respond to Emergencies
- Selected by NC Innovation to receive funding to support a pipeline development program at NCCU
- Proposal funded by Title 3 to upgrade and expand specialized laboratory and computational equipment; modernize teaching laboratories and research infrastructure to meet current safety and industry standards within the JLC-BBRI, BRITE and IAIER.



# Praxis Learning Lab Grand Opening

School of Education

- Designed to:
  - Increase first-time pass rates
  - Prepare future teachers to integrate technology creatively and effectively.
- Collaborative space for students to prepare for the Praxis Core and Praxis II exams.
- Immersive learning tools:
  - Meta Quest VR headsets
  - Interactive touch table
  - Surface Pro devices
- Access to innovative resources to deliver instruction, enhance student engagement, and strengthen content mastery.





# Peggy Ward Financial Education Center

## School of Business

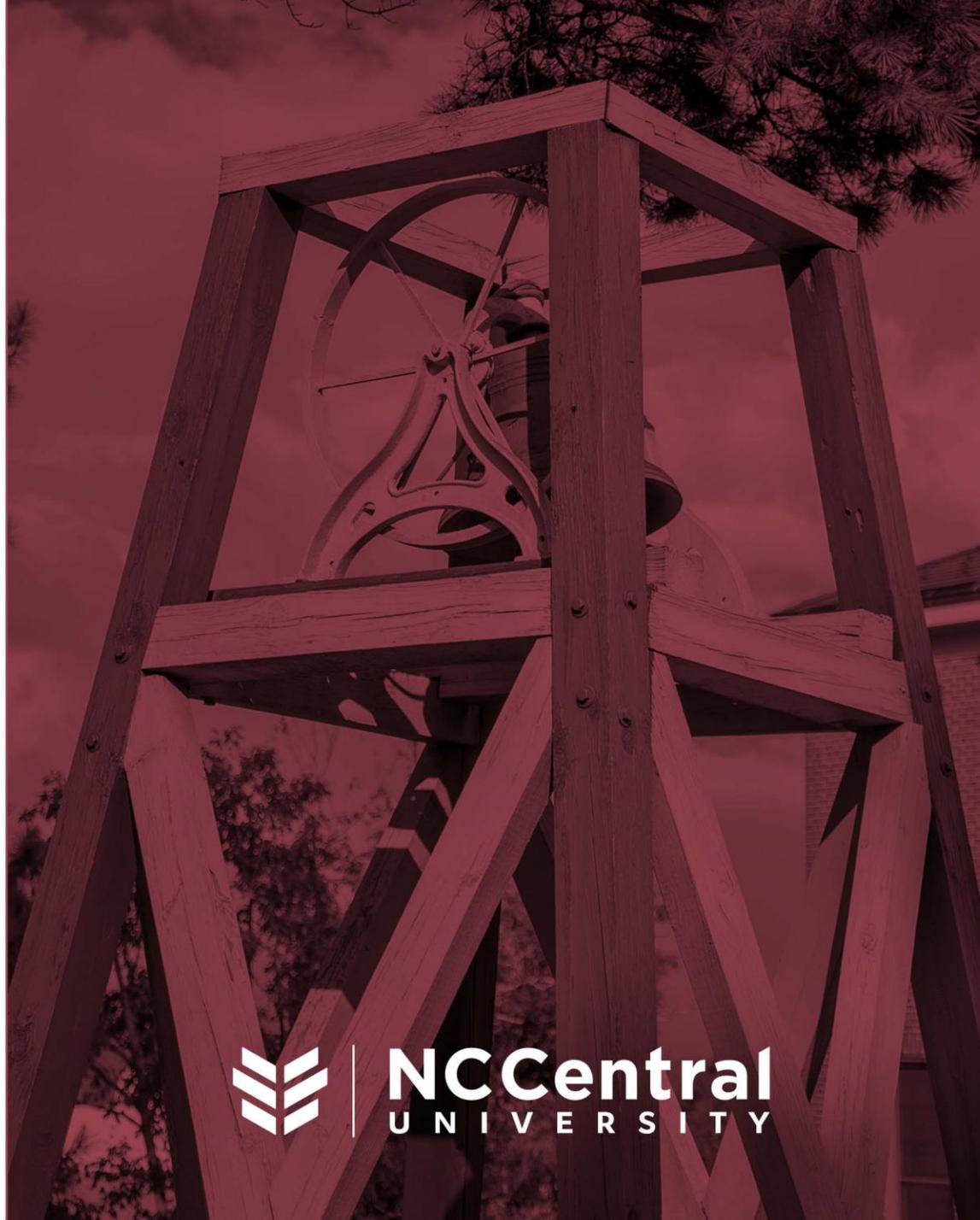
- Advance financial literacy, economic empowerment, and wealth-building opportunities for students and the broader community.
- City of Durham officially declared February 17<sup>th</sup> “Peggy Ward Financial Education Center Day.”
- Chancellor Dixon presented Ms. Ward with a formal proclamation.





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# NCCU Promotion and Tenure Workflow





# Overview

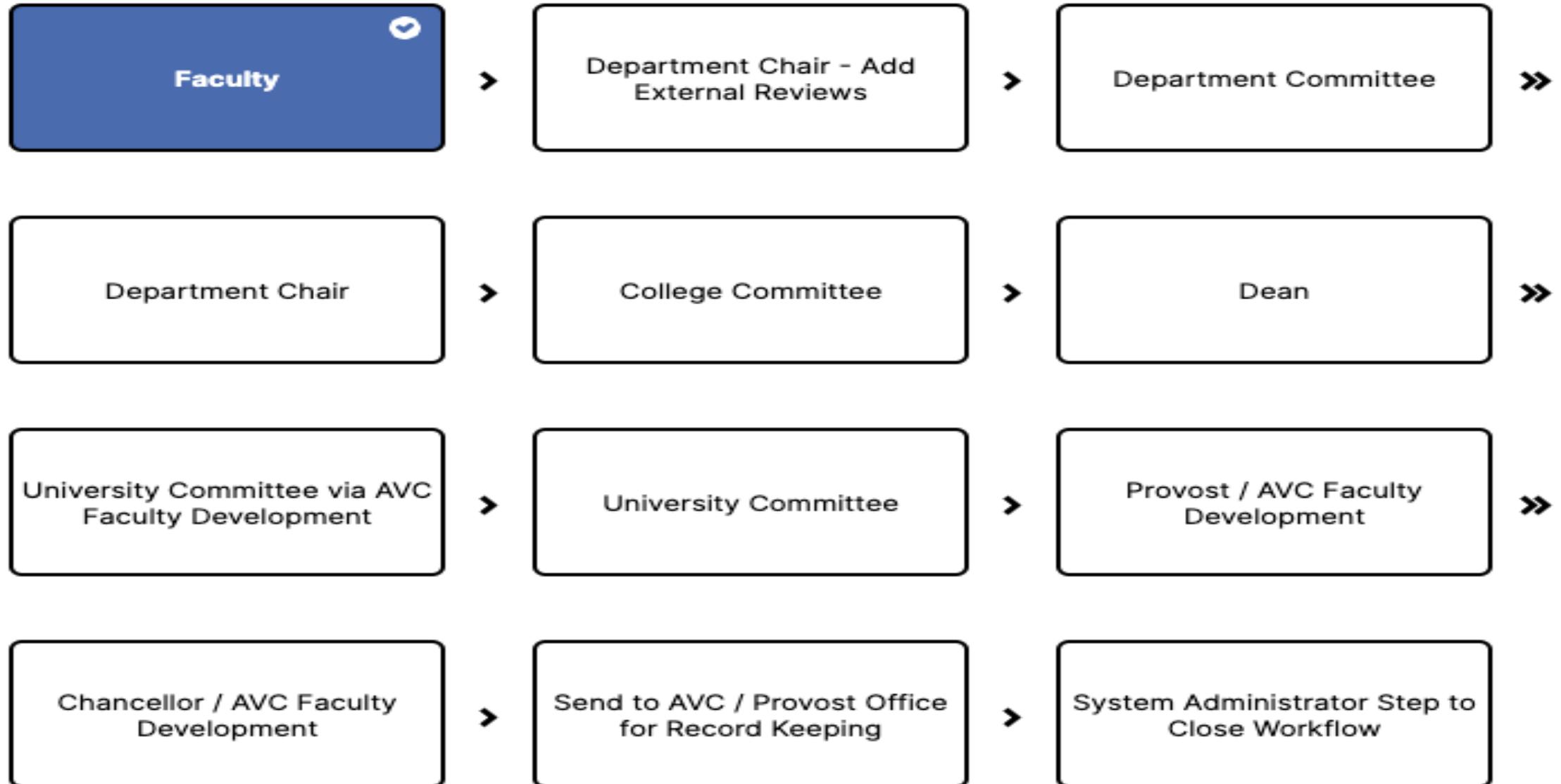


Promotion and Tenure process is sent to all faculty in February



Each application is reviewed externally between May and September

# Promotion and Tenure Workflow





# WHERE PURPOSE TAKES FLIGHT

