

New Faculty Orientation

Tom Sheahan *Interim Provost and
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Jackie Isaacs
Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs

August 18-19, 2026
Northeastern University
Boston campus

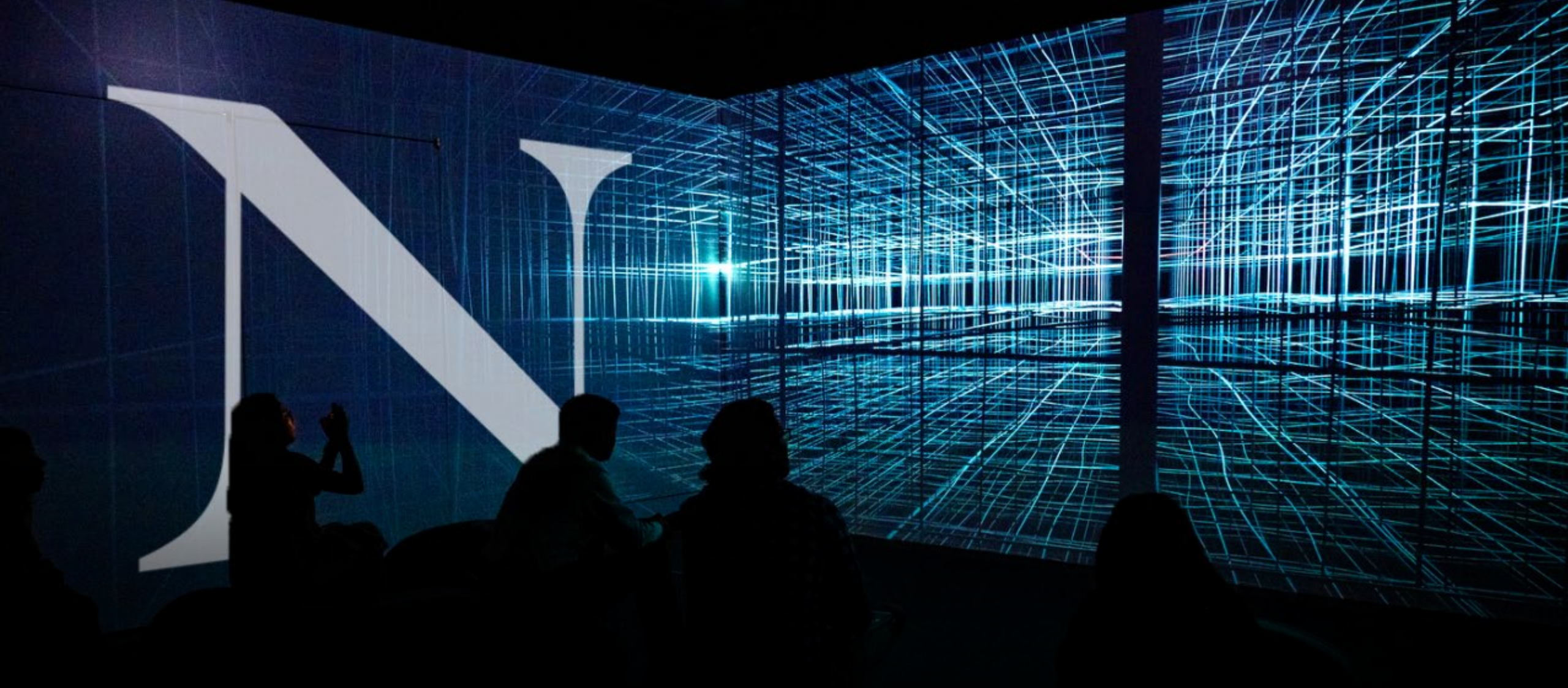
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The Boston campus of Northeastern University is on the traditional land of the Massachusett and Wampanoag People.

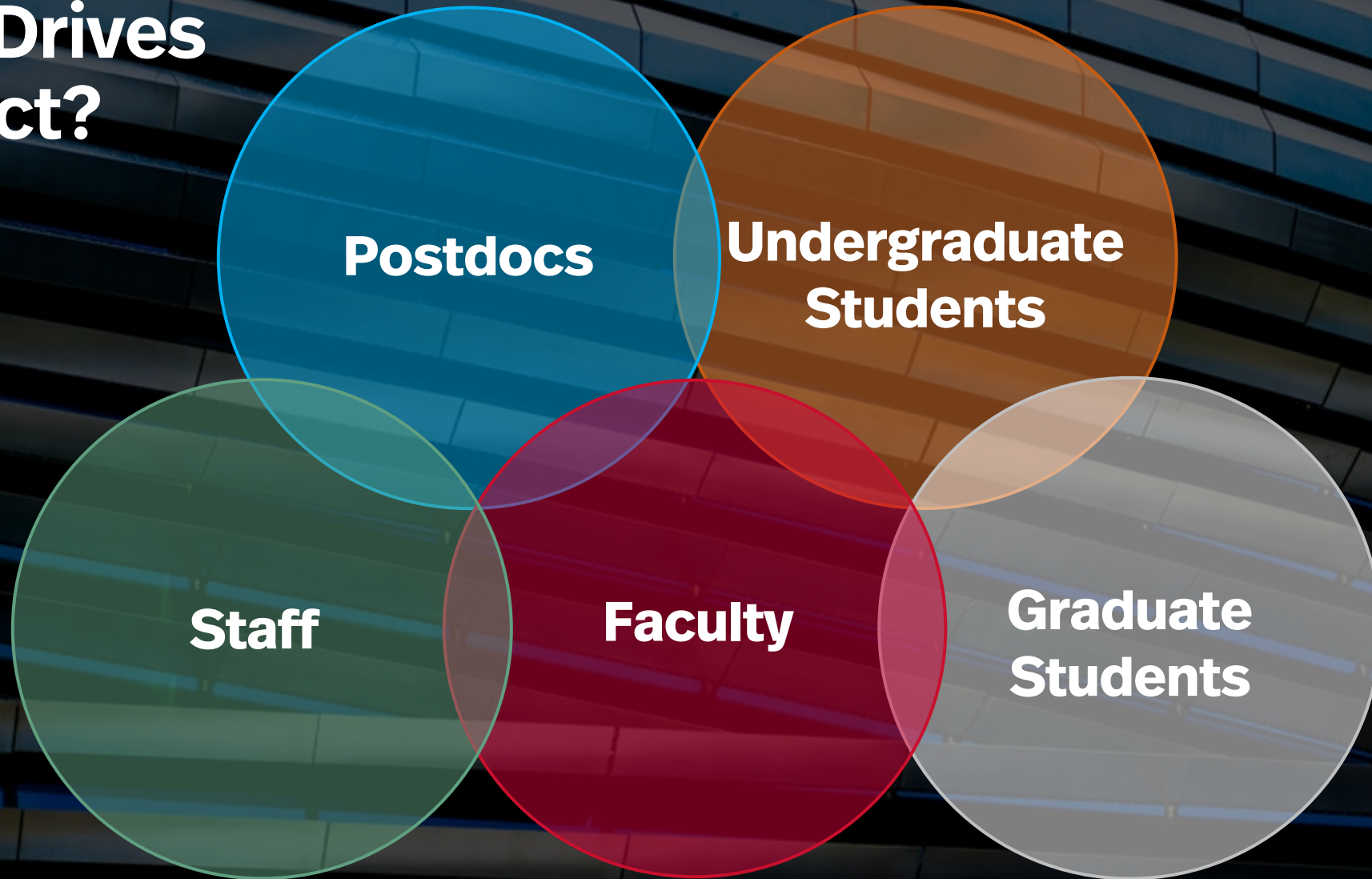
We honor the Indigenous People of this land: past, present, and future.

May we follow the example of the original People and be good stewards of this land.



Northeastern University
We exist for impact.

Who Drives Impact?



Academic Plan Pillars

A new academic plan is in development, driven by shifting global and AI landscapes.



Fostering
**partnerships and
community**



Advancing high-impact
research to deliver
real-world benefits



Powering learning and
research in a
global context



Delivering **personalized
and experiential**
learning opportunities

Global Network

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Our Global Network in Action

Embedded Partners

Vancouver hosts 70+ companies on-site.

Specialized Research Partnerships

The Marine Science Center advises Proteus, an underwater habitat off Curaçao.

Custom Learning

Students from 12 campuses tackled a real business challenge in Maine.

Experiential Entrepreneurship

Oakland students visited 31 Bay Area companies.

Cross-Campus Faculty Collaboration

Boston, London, and Oakland scholars join the Global Fellowship Program

New Campus: New York City

717 students got co-ops at 325 companies.

Northeastern at a glance

3,831

Undergraduates had a global
learning experience
Academic Year 2024-2025

3,903

Co-op employers globally,
Academic Year 2024-2025

12,519

International Graduate Students
seeking degrees at Northeastern,
Fall 2025

2,232

Full-time Faculty,
Fall 2025

96%

of graduates are working full
time or enrolled in graduate
school within 9 months
(10-year average, 2016-2025)

Built on Partnership, Driven by Impact

Industry

We collaborate with **3,900+ employer partners** on co-op's, sponsored research, and breakthrough innovation

Community

We partner with **500+ nonprofits and city agencies** through service-learning, civic projects, and experiential programs

Research

Access **\$267M+ in annual research awards** through joint projects, bridging academic expertise with real partner challenges

Growth

Tap into a worldwide talent and innovation pipeline across **14 campuses and hundreds of global alliances.**

Interdisciplinary Research Institutes and Centers

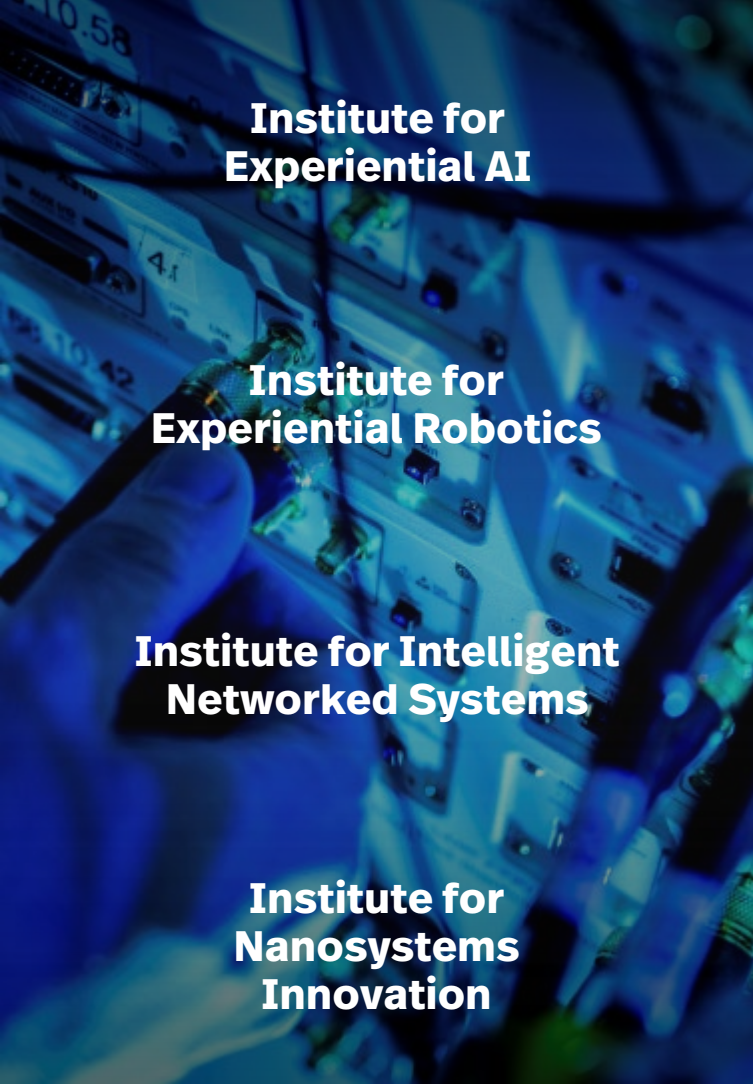


**The Burnes Center
for Social Change**

**Defense Industrial
Base Institute**

**Institute for Cognitive
and Brain Health**

**Center for Drug
Discovery**

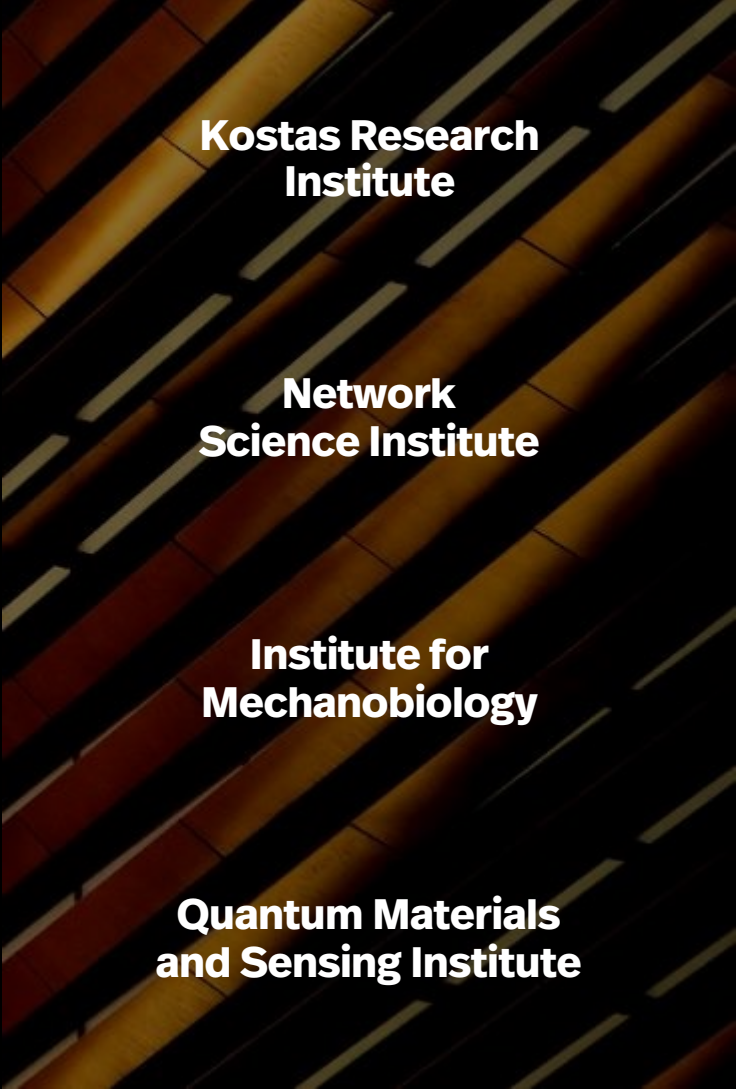


**Institute for
Experiential AI**

**Institute for
Experiential Robotics**

**Institute for Intelligent
Networked Systems**

**Institute for
Nanosystems
Innovation**



**Kostas Research
Institute**

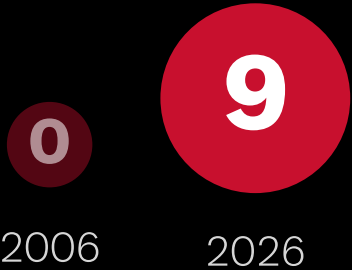
**Network
Science Institute**

**Institute for
Mechanobiology**

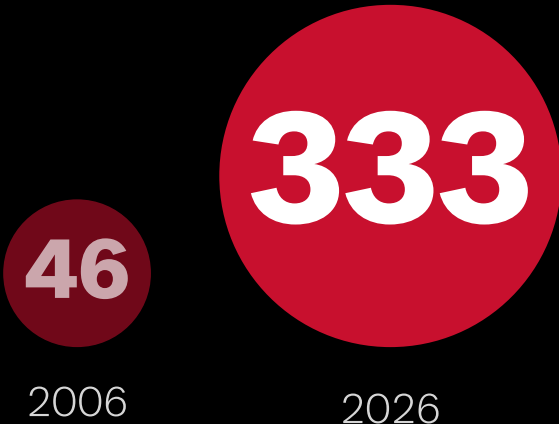
**Quantum Materials
and Sensing Institute**

Use-inspired value creation

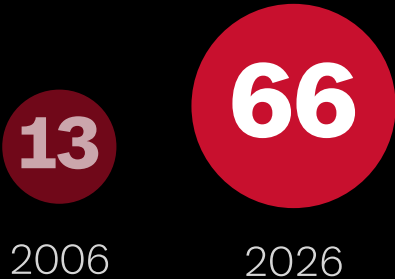
Northeastern has a robust patent portfolio, ranking in the National Academy of Inventors' Top 100 Universities in the world for granted patents for the 10th consecutive year



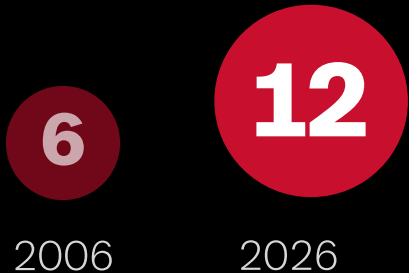
135
spinout companies
since 2006



3874
patent applications
filed since 2006



820
granted patents
since 2006



217
Licenses and
Options since 2006

Research Growth

2006

Northeastern University

Brandeis
St. Louis University
Boston College

50M

2015

Northeastern University

Notre Dame
Rice University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

125M

2025

Northeastern University

Georgetown University
University of Delaware
University of Oregon

267M

2030

Northeastern University

George Washington University
Cornell University
New York University

500M

Building for the Future



Roux Institute

A new multi-building campus is rising on Portland's Casco Bay waterfront, set to open in spring 2028, featuring lab and research space, classrooms, and gathering spaces, particularly for startups.



Matthews Arena

Northeastern is replacing its 115-year-old arena with a 310,000-square-foot athletics and recreation complex, opening fall 2028.



New Residence Hall

A new 23-story residence hall broke ground at 840 Columbus Ave., Boston campus, adding 1,215 beds near campus. It will include 11,000 square feet of community space as well as a 4,000-square-foot retail space.



Your network just got bigger.

Welcome to Northeastern



Welcome New Faculty!

Jackie Isaacs

Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs

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Orientation Goals

- Provide a guide to Northeastern's mission, vision, goals, and structure
- Introduce you to key university offices and leaders
- Provide a map of resources serving research and teaching
- Aid in a smooth transition into the university



Our Mission

To educate students for a life of fulfillment and accomplishment

To create and translate knowledge to meet global and societal needs



Northeastern completely reinvented itself. Here's what that could mean for higher ed as a whole.

By [Hilary Burns](#) Globe Staff, Updated August 9, 2024, 7:05 a.m.



"In the space of one generation, Northeastern University has undergone a complete metamorphosis."

August 9, 2024



Our Essence

Northeastern University, a dynamic, highly-networked research university with a global reach, is a world leader in experiential learning and a thought leader on the frontier of learning science.

We foster excellence, creativity, and entrepreneurship throughout our undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs in a diverse and inclusive community.



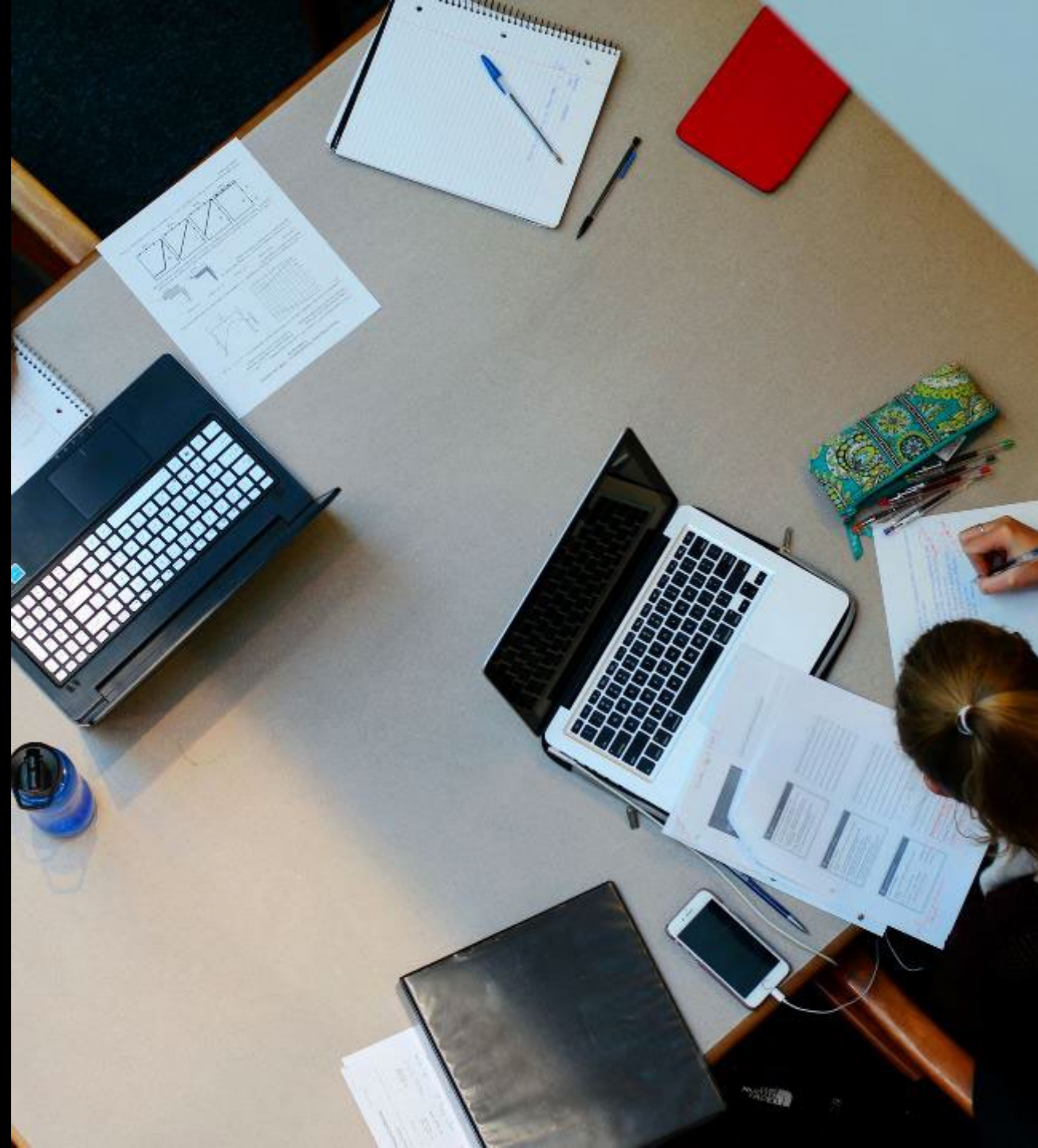
Academic Programs

Undergraduate Studies

- More than 330 undergraduate majors and concentrations
- Over 220 interdisciplinary combined majors

Graduate Studies

- 300 graduate programs including interdisciplinary PhDs in emerging research fields.



Talented Students

- The mean SAT score for the September 2025 entering class is 1472, up from 1230 in 2006.
- Recent graduating seniors earned Rhodes, Marshall, Truman, Fulbright, Goldwater, and Steamboat fellowships.



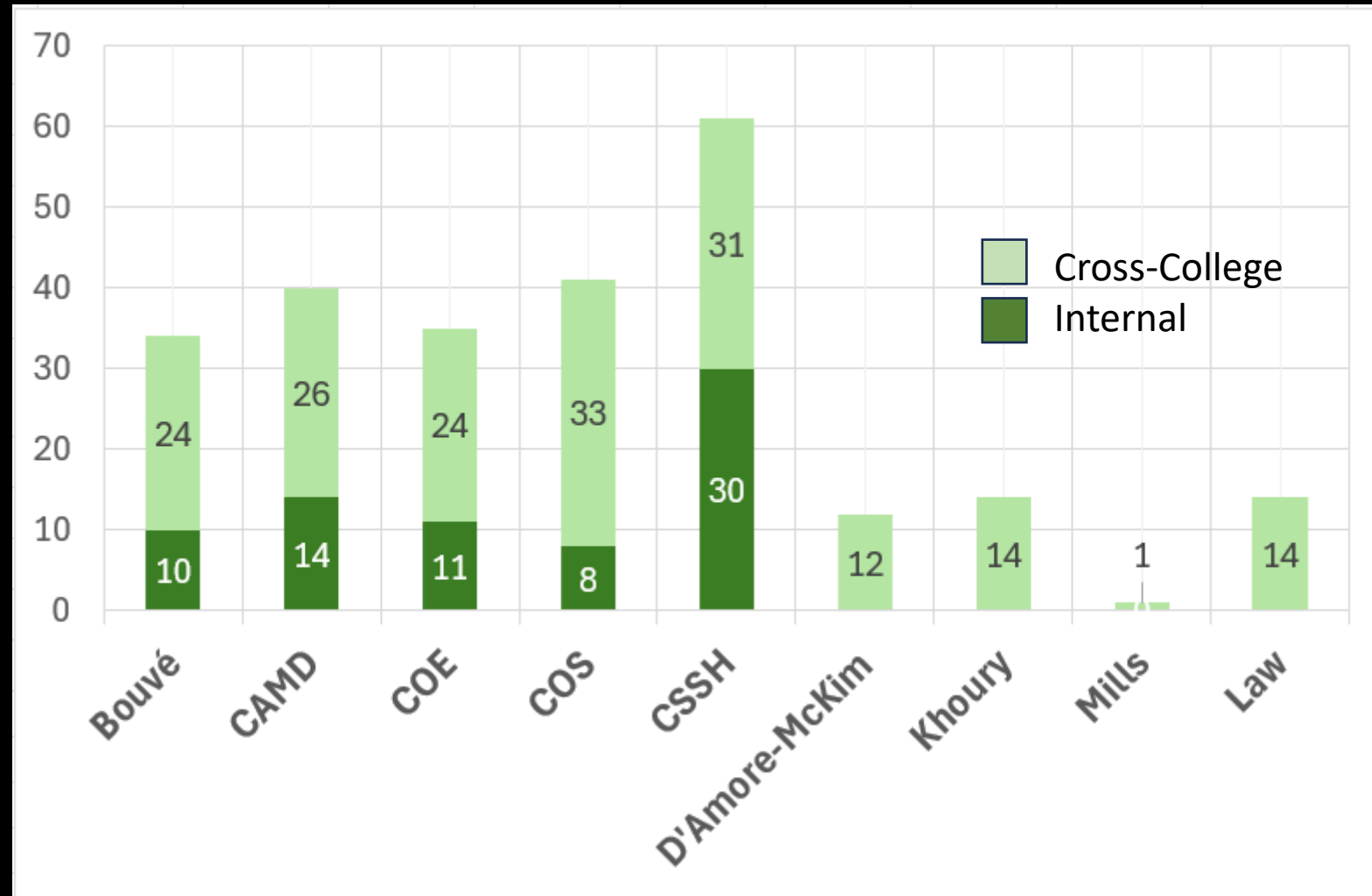
Exceptional Scholars

- 2,232 full-time faculty
 - 958 Tenured or Tenure-Track
 - 1,274 Full Time Non-Tenure-Track
- Emphasis on scholars who collaborate across disciplines, with over 250 faculty jointly appointed.



Interdisciplinary Faculty by Home College

Fall 2025 (n=252/2232; 11.2% of all faculty, T/TT and FTNTT)



Northeastern

A University Engaged with the World

Northeastern is a global,
experiential research university

- 25,000+ full-time undergraduate students, including students who are on co-op
- 22,000+ full- and part-time graduate students



President Joseph E. Aoun

- Seventh president of Northeastern
- Presidency began in 2006
- Internationally known scholar in linguistics
- Member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences
- Former Chair, American Council on Education



Strategy for Excellence

"Northeastern has pursued a strategy of building excellence across every dimension of the university. Our strategy is validated by strong recognition and awards. It energizes our determination to keep moving forward."

— President Aoun



Senior University Leadership



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Planning and Projects



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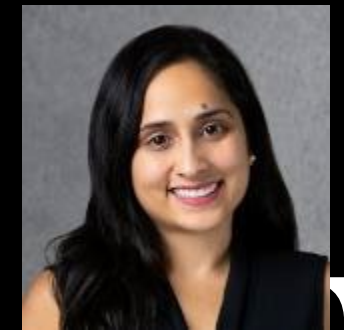
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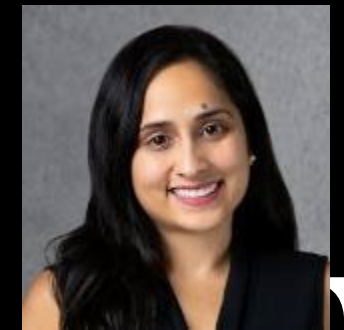
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Health Sciences



Ben Knapp
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College of Arts, Media
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College of Engineering



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Other important topics.

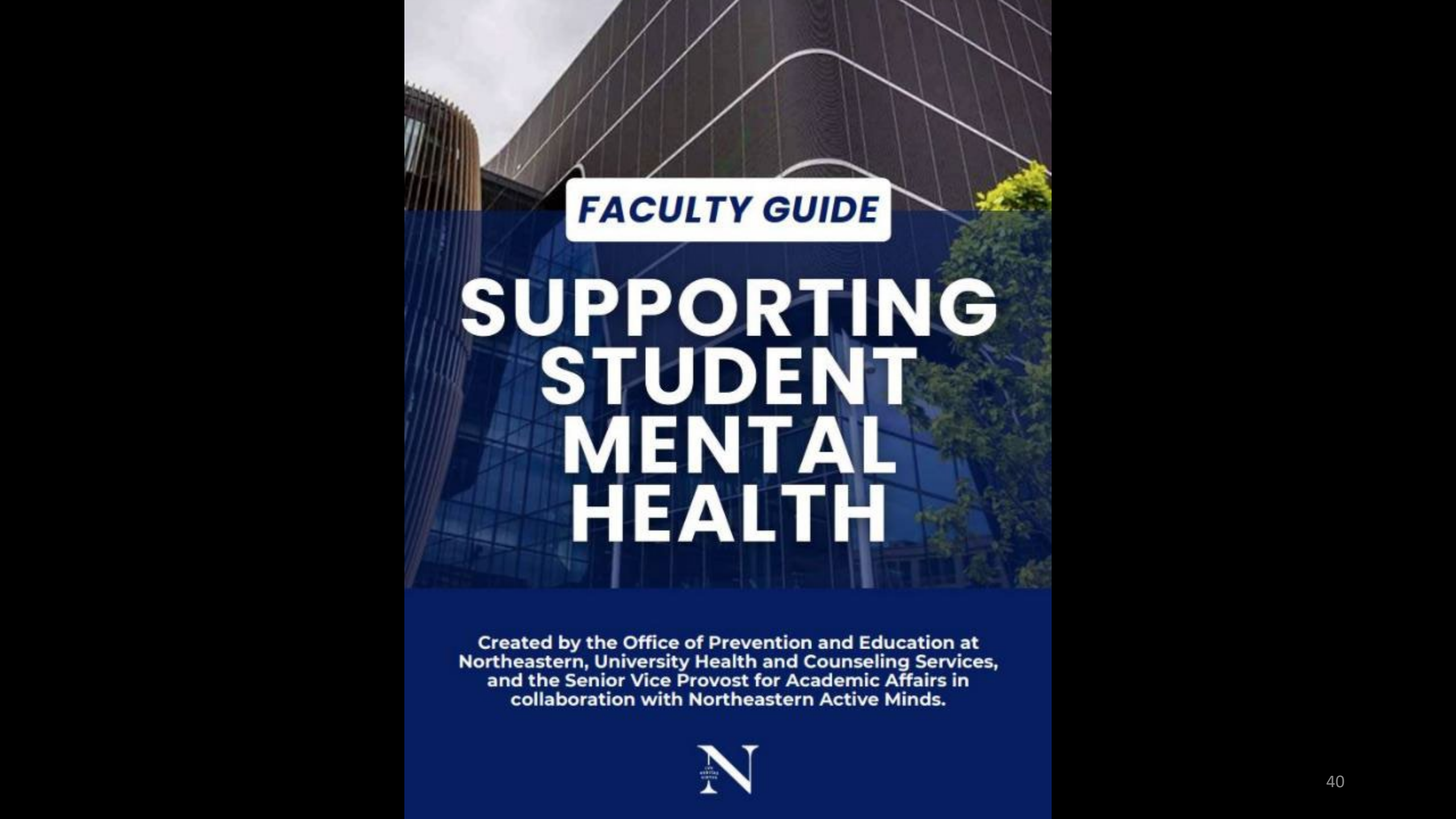
Supporting Student Mental Health: A Faculty Resource

Together with partners from the Office of Student Affairs, we created a guide for faculty to support students. Our joint expertise served as an excellent collaboration to create the guide:

<https://provost.northeastern.edu/faculty-affairs/>

See preview of online resources: <https://uhcs.northeastern.edu/health-and-wellness/supporting-student-mental-health/>





FACULTY GUIDE

SUPPORTING STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH

**Created by the Office of Prevention and Education at
Northeastern, University Health and Counseling Services,
and the Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs in
collaboration with Northeastern Active Minds.**



Mental Health Matters



Year Two Program Elements

Events

***Make your Workday
Work for your
Mental Health***
Dr. Alice Boyes
Nov. 5, 2024

***Belonging: The
Science of Creating
Connection and
Bridging Divides*** Dr.
Geoffrey L. Cohen
Stanford University
Feb. 12, 2025

ADVANCE Faculty Networks

Book Club

Mindfulness and
Contemplative
Practice

Advisory Group

Enhanced to
include members
from all
colleges/schools

Digital Resources

Faculty resources
website

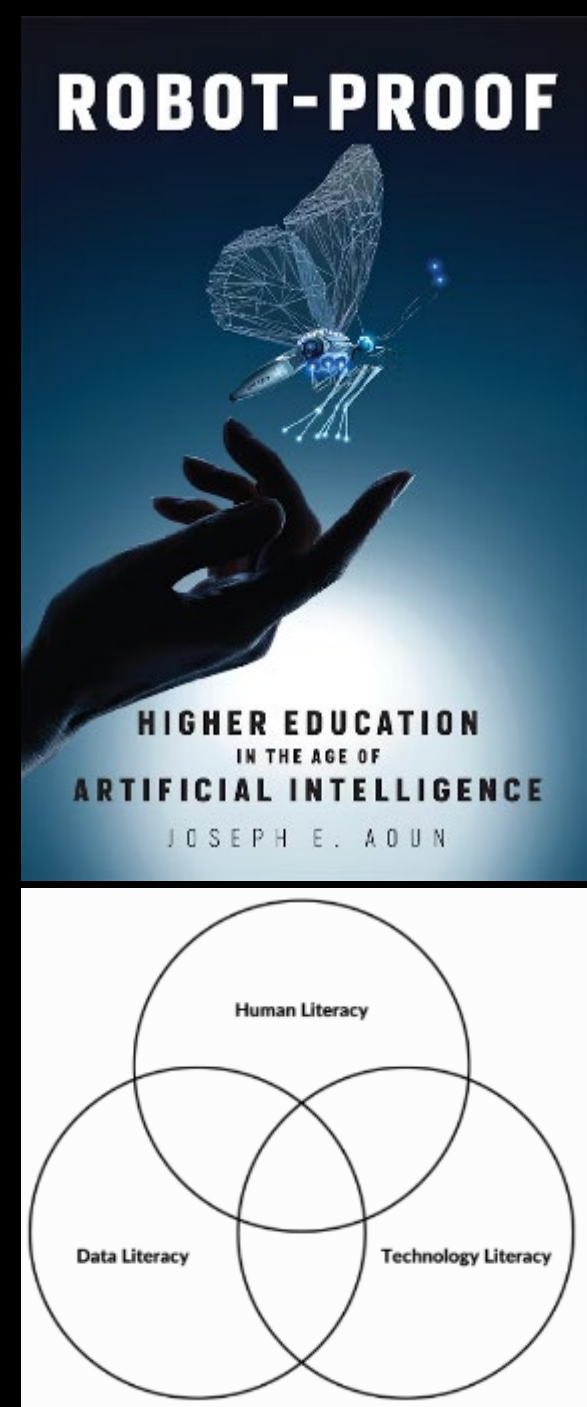
- HR well-being
program

- Tips for
Avoiding
Burnout at
the “Local
Level”

Humanics at Northeastern

An integrative educational model that builds on Northeastern's leadership in

- Multi-disciplinary collaboration
- Experiential learning and entrepreneurship
- Partnership beyond the university



University-wide Policies

www.policies.northeastern.edu/

- Travel Policy
- Policy on International Engagements
- Code of Ethical Conduct
- Equal Opportunity
- Confidentiality
- Professional Standards and Business Conduct
- Policy Prohibiting Sexual and Gender-Based Harassment
- Non-Fraternization
- Appropriate Use of Computer and Network Resources
- Conflict of Interest and Commitment
- Demonstration Policy
- *The Faculty Handbook*

Faculty & Student Handbooks

- Faculty-specific policies and procedures
- Student-specific policies and procedures
- Cross-linked through university Policies site, *Faculty Handbook* site, and Office of the Registrar



ADVANCE Office of Faculty Development



Guide to Navigating Professional Development at Northeastern

New Faculty Orientation 2026

What to expect?

During orientation you will learn about...

Navigating the University

- Office of the Chancellor
- Faculty Governance
- Office of Belonging
- Library Resources
- Office of the Ombuds
- ITS: Software and Services
Related to Research & Teaching
- NU PD
- Human Resources
- Student Affairs/ WeCare
- Title IX

Opportunities

- Faculty Development Opportunities
- CATLR (CAT-ler)
- ADVANCE Faculty Development
- Responsible AI



President's Reception

Thursday, September 3, 2026
4:30-6:00 p.m.

EXP, 8th floor atrium
815 Columbus Avenue, Boston MA, 02120

Join President Joseph E. Aoun for a reception to welcome newly appointed faculty members, engage with university leadership and begin building your Northeastern network.

Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served.



Again, Welcome to Northeastern University!

