

# Mayo Clinic Faculty Development: Empowering Biomedical Educators

May 29-31, 2026

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6:30 AM	<b>Registration, Breakfast &amp; Exhibit</b>
7:20 AM	<b>Welcome Announcements</b> Heather A. Billings, Ph.D., Mira T. Keddis, M.D., Devyani Lal, M.D., and Jon T. Nordrum, D.P.T., D.Sc.
<b>Day 1</b>	
7:30 AM	<b>Joy of Teaching</b> Anni L. Shandera-Ochsner, Ph.D., L.P.
8:00 AM	<b>Mini Symposium - Successful Strategies to Navigate Challenges of Academia (Struggling Learners, Curriculum Changes, Time Constraints)</b> Felicity T. Enders, Ph.D., and Nitin Mishra, M.B.B.S., M.P.H.
8:45 AM	<b>Professional Identity and Leadership Development</b> Devyani Lal, M.D.
9:15 AM	<b>Narrative Medicine as a Tool for Interprofessional Education and Empathy Building</b> Katie Van Buren, PhD
9:45 AM	<b>Panel Q and A</b> Session Faculty
10:00 AM	<b>Break and Exhibits</b>
10:30 AM	<b>GRIT in Medical Education</b> Megha Tollefson, MD
11:00 AM	<b>The Struggling Learner</b> Denise M. Dupras, M.D., Ph.D., and Krystal M. Renszel, D.O.
11:30 AM	<b>CE Fellow Track: How to Foster GRIT Among Learners and Faculty in the Face of Academic and Personal Challenges</b> Megha Tollefson MD and Chelsea A. Hoffman and CE fellows
12:15 PM	<b>Panel Q and A</b> Session Faculty
12:45 PM	<b>Adjourn</b>
2:30 PM	<b>Workshop: Medical Entrepreneurialship</b> Aman Verma, D.O. and Rena F. Hale, Ph.D.
5:00 PM	<b>Reception</b> Abstract Presentations

Saturday, May 30, 2026	
6:30 AM	<b>Breakfast &amp; Exhibits</b>
7:20 AM	<b>Announcements</b>
<b>Day 2</b>	
7:30 AM	<b>Mini Symposium - Practical Hands-on AI Tools to Promote Better and More Efficient Educators (Tools for Simplification, AI Exercises)</b> David Melville, M.D. and Elissa R. Hall, Ed.D., M.A.
8:15 AM	<b>Agentic AI - Role in Education</b> Wisit Cheungpasitporn, M.D.
8:45 AM	<b>Coaching Strategies, When, How, Why</b> Stephanie Mavis, M.D., M.H.P.E., and Katie L. Johnson, M.D.
9:15 AM	<b>Teaching Across Professions and Specialty Areas</b> Alexander S. Niven, M.D.
9:45 AM	<b>Listening, Learning, and Leading: Insight from Education Program Leaders Rated Highly by Learners</b> Andrea N. Leep Hunderfund, M.D., M.H.P.E
10:15 AM	<b>Panel Q and A</b> Session Faculty
10:30 AM	<b>Break and Exhibits</b>
11:00 AM	<b>Taking Fun Seriously</b> Stephen K. Stacey, D.O.
11:30 AM	<b>CE Fellow Track: How Can I Teach Others When I Am Still Learning Myself</b> Edson J. Mwakyanjala, M.D., Alvin C. Silva, M.D., and CE fellows
12:15 PM	<b>Falling Forward</b> Chelsea A. Hoffman
12:45 PM	<b>Panel Q and A</b> Session Faculty
1:00 PM	<b>Adjourn</b>
Sunday, May 31, 2026	
6:30 AM	<b>Breakfast and Exhibits</b>
7:20 AM	<b>Announcements</b>
<b>Day 3</b>	

7:30 AM	<b>Power of Peer Observations</b> Heather A. Billings, Ph.D.
8:00 AM	<b>Generational Gratitude Strategies</b> Justin D. Kreuter, M.D.
8:30 AM	<b>Cognitive and Affective Bias</b> Margaret M. Johnson, M.D.
9:00 AM	<b>Leadership Framework for Navigating Change and Technology for Medical Educators</b> Richard C. Winters, M.D.
9:30 AM	<b>Panel Q and A</b> Session Faculty
9:45 AM	<b>Break and Exhibits</b>
10:15 AM	<b>Mini Symposium – Experiential Learning Modalities in Medical Education – WWW&amp;H</b> Shekitta Acker, P.A.-C., Ph.D., M.S. , Usha Asirvatham, M.S.N., R.N., C.H.S.E., Becca L. Gas, Ed.D., M.S.
11:00 AM	<b>Assessing Learner Performance, Challenges and Solutions</b> Natalie R. Langley, Ph. D.

11:30 AM	<b>CE Fellow Track: Teaching the Tough Talks (communication skills for difficult conversations)</b> Elise C. Carey, M.D.
12:15 PM	<b>Panel Q and A</b> Session Faculty
12:30 PM	<b>Course Feedback and Topic Ideas for Next Year</b> Heather A. Billings, Ph.D., Mira T. Keddis, M.D., Devyani Lal, M.D., and Jon T. Nordrum, D.P.T., D.Sc.
12:45 PM	<b>Adjourn</b>