

# NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

## RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FACULTY SABBATICAL LEAVES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 26-27

**WHEREAS** NJIT's sabbatical leave policy exists to enhance the professional development and increase the research and scholarly production of Faculty by relieving them of their teaching and service responsibilities for a semester or an academic year; and

**WHEREAS** those faculty members recommended for sabbatical leave during the academic year 2026-2027 will be enriched by this opportunity to immerse themselves in creative, scholarly, and research activities and will thus enhance not only their value to NJIT, but this university's image as well; and

**WHEREAS** the following individuals have submitted applications for, and are to be granted sabbatical leave for the Academic Year 2026-2027: Darius Sollohub, Maria Hurtado de Mendoza, Daphne Soares, David Rothenberg, Philip Klobucar, Casey Diekman, John Bechtold, Lou Kondic, I Joga Rao, Grace Wang, Jacob Chakareski; and

**WHEREAS** the following individuals have submitted applications for, and are to be granted sabbatical leave for the Fall 2026 semester: Andrei Sirenko, N. Ravindra, Yi Chen, Chase Wu; and

**WHEREAS** the following individuals have submitted applications for, and are to be granted sabbatical leave for the Spring 2027 semester: Ming Taylor, Sergei Adamovich, Julie Ancis, and

**WHEREAS** the administration recommends that said sabbatical leaves be granted;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees approves the sabbatical leave recommendations noted below:

Darius Sollohub	Architecture	2026-2027
Maria Hurtado de Mendoza	Architecture	2026-2027
Daphne Soares	Biological Sciences	2026-2027
David Rothenberg	Humanities and Social Sciences	2026-2027
Philip Klobucar	Humanities and Social Sciences	2026-2027
Casey Diekman	Mathematical Sciences	2026-2027
John Bechtold	Mathematical Sciences	2026-2027
Lou Kondic	Mathematical Sciences	2026-2027
Andrei Sirenko	Physics	Fall 2026
N. Ravindra	Physics	Fall 2026
Yi Chen	Martin Tuchman School of Management	Fall 2026
Ming Taylor	Martin Tuchman School of Management	Spring 2027

Sergei Adamovich	Biomedical Engineering	Spring 2027
I Joga Rao	Mechanical and Industrial Engineering	2026-2027
Grace Wang	Computer Science	2026-2027
Chase Wu	Data Science	Fall 2026
Jacob Chakareski	Informatics	2026-2027
Julie Ancis	Informatics	Spring 2027



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