

## FAQs: PSOM Faculty Meet Up Group Program

### What is a PSOM Faculty MeetUp Group?

This program is designed to encourage faculty engagement, collaboration, and overall wellness. Groups are managed via the [Meet-Up.com platform](#), and can be entirely social, professional, or a little of both. When applicable for focus and purpose, groups can receive funding of up to 1,000 dollars a year. There will be calls for group proposals twice a year.

### How Does the PSOM Faculty MeetUp Group Program Work?

The PSOM Faculty MeetUp group program provides structure, support, and in some cases a monetary stipend for faculty special interest groups.

### How Do I Propose a Group?

Start a group with the focus area of your choice by submitting a [PSOM Faculty MeetUp Group Proposal](#). The Faculty Wellness Coordinator, will respond promptly with next steps. Generally, people are more likely to consider joining MeetUps when they can see that there is at least one other individual who has already signed up. Before starting a group, it's a best practice to have at least one or two other individuals in mind who might want to join, and who will likely sign up right away. If you're not sure, contact the Faculty Wellness Coordinator ([facultywellness.uphs.upenn.edu](mailto:facultywellness.uphs.upenn.edu)) to see if others have made similar group inquiries. There will be calls for group proposals twice a year.

### What Does a Group Leader Do?

PSOM Faculty MeetUp Groups will be administered on the [Meet-Up.com](#) platform via a school-based account that will list all Faculty MeetUp Groups. If your proposal is approved, a Meet-Up.com Group will be created for you on the platform. Group Leaders and Group Members will then need to sign-up for a Meet-Up.com account. Group Leaders will need to use the platform to create events or "meet-ups" and send reminders to Group Members, if necessary.

### Are PSOM Faculty MeetUp Groups public?

Anyone can look up a group on the Meet-Up.com platform and view its list of members and events. However, any group associated with the PSOM Faculty MeetUp program will have membership vetted and will be restricted to PSOM Faculty members only.