

CAHSS RESEARCH FELLOWS PROGRAM

Academic Year
2012-2013

Purpose

The purpose of the CAHSS Research Fellows Program is to support outstanding research and creative activity and to advance the careers of College faculty members by permitting release time for one semester to focus on scholarship. Fellows will be relieved of teaching duties and as possible of service duties for the Fall Semester 2012 or Spring Semester 2013, in order to pursue their proposed research programs. Each Fellow's academic department will be compensated \$6,000 for the faculty member's release time.

Eligibility

Three fellowships will be available to tenured and tenure-track faculty. (NOTE: Tenure-track assistant professors who qualify for post-contract-renewal course releases, an initiative implemented in AY11-12, are not eligible to apply.)

Criteria

Likelihood that the award will have a significant impact on the faculty member's scholarship and career enhancement. Priority will be given to: (1) faculty members for whom the fellowship will be important in preparing for promotion; (2) faculty members who are competing for prestigious externally funded awards and fellowships; (3) faculty members for whom the release time would materially help bring a research project to completion; (4) faculty members who are shifting directions in their scholarship or research and for whom the fellowship would provide support for their transition; (5) faculty members who have not recently received a fellowship award or other full release from teaching assignments to support research. (50 percent)

Likelihood that the work proposed for the fellowship period can be completed. Preference will be given to proposals that outline a realistic and feasible set of objectives to be accomplished during the fellowship period. The proposed project may, however, represent a portion of a larger project. (25 percent)

Quality of Proposal and Application Packet. Proposals should be written with attention to the instructions below and submitted in the requested format by the specified due date. Given the variety of disciplines in which proposals may be received, reviewers will not be asked to judge the scholarly merit of the proposed project *per se*, but applicants should describe the proposed project so that it may be understood by reviewers with little background in the area of proposed study. The proposal should be well organized, well written, and persuasive. (25 percent)

Application

To apply, faculty members should forward electronically the following items to Terry Aylsworth [aylswort@umbc.edu] by February 15, 2012. This document, including the application cover sheet, is available at the CAHSS website: <http://www.umbc.edu/cahss>.

1. Cover Sheet.
2. A proposal of about 750 words, or about three double-spaced typewritten pages. The proposal should provide a description of activities to be performed, a clear and concise statement of goals and expected outcomes, and an explanation of the impact of fellowship support on the faculty member's program of research or scholarship.
3. A current *curriculum vitae* in the UMBC format.
4. A letter of support from the department Chair. If more than one proposal is submitted from a department, the Chair should rank order the proposals and provide a rationale for the ranking.

Selection

The Dean will appoint a CAHSS Faculty Research Fellowship Committee to review the applications and provide its recommendations. In evaluating the proposals, the Committee will be guided by the weights given to the three selection criteria. The Committee will make its recommendations to the Dean, including the rationale for the recommendations, by March 1, 2012.

Fellows' Reports

Fellows will submit a report of their accomplishments during the fellowship period to the Dean by the first day of classes of the subsequent semester. Send to the Dean via Terry Aylsworth [aylswort@umbc.edu].

Note. For additional information contact Associate Deans Cheryl Miller, x5-2183, cmiller@umbc.edu, or Kathy O'Dell, x5-2840, odell@umbc.edu.

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Cover Sheet

Semester for which applying (circle):

Fall 2012

Spring 2013

Name:

Title of Research Project/Proposal:

Date:

Department:

Current Rank: _____ Assistant Professor _____ Associate Professor

Years in Rank: _____

Tenure Status: _____ Untenured _____ Tenured