

# Cornerstone Faculty Fellowships in Liberal Arts

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## Description

With a combination of gift funds and College of Liberal Arts' operating funds, the College will make three or four awards annually to full professors who have developed outstanding professional records. These awards are known as Cornerstone Faculty Fellowships in Liberal Arts. Recipients of these awards will normally have professional records of accomplishment that include achievements in each of the following areas:

- A series of scholarly or creative works in a discipline's most highly regarded venues and recognition or awards from external, highly regarded agencies or groups (e.g., NIH, NEH, NSF, NEA, Guggenheim, Humboldt, Woodrow Wilson, or other highly regarded groups or agencies)
- Outstanding classroom or seminar teaching and contributions to undergraduate or graduate programs in the department or interdisciplinary program
- Service on major departmental, college, or university committees; in disciplinary roles such as editorial boards, review panels; or as a professional association officer

Recipients of Cornerstone Faculty Fellowship awards will receive \$30,000 for a professional bursary payable over a 4-year period. The College will provide \$22,500 and the faculty member's department or interdisciplinary program will provide \$7,500. Cornerstone Fellows who are awarded an endowed professorship or chair during the time they are receiving professional bursary funds from the fellowship will forego receipt of additional bursary funds and instead will accept the professional bursary provided by the endowed position.

## Process for Selection

The Dean will announce the availability of Cornerstone Faculty Fellowships to the College faculty. A Memorandum of Interest (MOI) briefly outlining a faculty member's qualifications for this award should be addressed to the Dean from the faculty member's department head and/or program director. The MOI may be the result of a department-level nomination process, self-nomination within a department, or an informal discussion between a faculty member and a department head. Normally, a department will not advance more than one name annually for this award, and it is expected that departments may on occasion decline to offer an MOI suggesting a faculty member for consideration. The Dean shall consult informally with the Chair of the College's Advisory Committee on Chairs, Professorships, and Fellowships for his or her advice. Thereafter, the Dean will invite departments to prepare a nomination packet for suggested faculty with the strongest records meeting the criteria for these awards. The nomination packet shall include: (1) a curriculum vitae, (2) a supporting letter from the department head discussing the candidate's research, teaching, and service accomplishments, and (3) three letters solicited by the department from external scholars able to comment on the candidate's various professional accomplishments.

The complete nomination packet (including all external letters) will be reviewed for comments and advice by the College's Advisory Committee on Chairs, Professorships, and Fellowships. The Committee's charge will be to advise the Dean whether the candidate's professional accomplishments meet the standards for receipt of a Cornerstone Faculty Fellowship. The Committee's recommendation will be advisory. The authority to make the final award rests with the Dean.