Arts and Sciences Faculty Research Fellowships

The College of Arts & Sciences is soliciting applications for two competitions with the intent to promote and support excellence in scholarly and creative work. The College anticipates that two fellowships providing course release will be awarded each semester.

**Returning Faculty Research Award:** Faculty who return to Texas Tech after a leave supported by a significant national or international award are eligible for this award. Examples of such awards are, but are not limited to: Cottrell Scholars, Fulbright American Scholars, Getty Scholars in Residence, Guggenheim Fellows, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Distinguished Achievement Awards, Newberry Library Long-term Fellows, Robert Wood Johnson Policy Fellows, Searle Scholars, Sloan Research Fellows, Searle Scholars, Woodrow Wilson Fellows.

The purpose of this competitive award is to provide a 1 or 2 course release from teaching duties during the academic year after a faculty member returns to Texas Tech to allow substantial time to complete research or scholarly activity begun during their leave supported by these designated awards. The successful applicant would be expected to produce a significant body of published work related to research or scholarly activities carried out during the leave.

**Scholar Incentive Award:** This award is meant to provide faculty the opportunity to complete a substantial manuscript (a book or a significant monograph) within a designated year. Typically the awardee would have a contract for a book or a firm prospect for disseminating substantial body of scholarship or creative work. This award will provide release from 1 or 2 courses over the period of one academic year.

**Application Process:** For the “Returning Faculty Research Award,” the application should provide a description of work completed during the leave, and a schedule for publication or dissemination of the work during the designated period at TTU. For the “Scholar Incentive Award,” the application should document the work that has been completed and how the fellowship would facilitate the publication of the work. Factors that will be considered in the review process would include the significance and impact of work and, likelihood of completion of the project. The Chair of the department should provide a statement in support of each application.

The application for each award should be submitted to the Dean’s Office, College of Arts & Science. For the 2010-2011 academic year, the first awards will be effective during the spring 2011 semester. Applications should be submitted by September 15. In subsequent years, for fellowships to be awarded in the fall semester, applications will be due by July 15. The applications will be evaluated by the College of Arts & Sciences Research Council with final approval of the Dean.

The Provost and the VPR are currently developing a program that will incentivize faculty to seek these types of prestigious awards. As this program is brought forward, Arts and Sciences will look for ways to capitalize on the synergies that could be developed between the two programs to increase research and scholarly activities.