

Junior Faculty Research Fellowships

The Junior Faculty Research Fellowship Program provides one semester of leave time to non-tenured/tenure-track members of the Main Campus Ordinary Faculty at the Assistant Professor level. Awards will take the form of a \$15,000 payment to the faculty member's department, which the latter will use to cover teaching obligations in such a way that maintains the quality of educational programs. In turn, the junior faculty member is granted a semester of release from teaching, at full pay, to focus on completing research that will contribute to a forthcoming tenure and promotion application. Proposals are reviewed and recommendations made during the fall term by faculty serving on the Research Steering Committee/Internal Research Committee; awards made during this time will take effect in either the fall or spring of the subsequent academic year.

ELIGIBILITY: Non-tenured/tenure-track members of the Main Campus Ordinary Faculty, with the exception of those in the MSB, at the Assistant Professor level.

PURPOSES: The Junior awards are designed to provide one semester of release time for research for untenured, tenure-track assistant professors normally in the middle stages of their appointments. The goal is to enable the substantial completion of work that will contribute to the evaluation of an application for tenure and promotion. The fellowship period is classified as a period of fully paid research leave, during which time the faculty member receives their regular departmental salary and benefits. Moreover, the period counts as a semester of service toward both the tenure probationary period and, by special arrangement, sabbatical eligibility. **A junior faculty research fellowship may be held only once over the course of a junior faculty appointment.**

CRITERIA: Georgetown is committed to supporting junior faculty research and the Research Steering Committee/Internal Research Committee will make every effort to fund qualified proposals. Receipt of a fellowship is contingent on the applicant's meeting the formal criteria of eligibility, the support of the applicant's department or tenure home, and the approval of the research proposal by the Research Steering Committee/Internal Research Committee. Faculty serving on the Research Steering Committee/Internal Research Committee will review the submissions on the basis of such criteria, the importance of the proposed project, the clarity and coherence of the proposal description, the reasonableness of the plan of work, and the applicant's qualifications for the proposed work.

APPLICATION: The following will comprise the proposal application:

- A proposal outlining the research project and preferred semester of leave (3 page maximum, single-spaced);
- Curriculum vitae (3 page maximum); and
- A confidential evaluation by the chair/director of the proposal's merit and an indication of how release time will be provided in a way consistent with maintaining educational quality. The Dean of the relevant school is also invited to comment on the proposed project. Letters or statements of evaluation should be submitted by the referees via the IPRS by the below deadline. Although we strongly encourage electronic submission of the entire application packet, we also will accept letters in hardcopy (see below for address) for those wishing to do so.

Questions regarding the Junior Faculty Research Fellowship Program should be directed to Dr. Gerald Mara, Executive Associate Dean, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, or Maria Snyder, Sr. Grants Administrator for the Humanities & Social/Behavioral Sciences.

DEADLINE: November 20, 2009

SUBMISSION: electronic submission via the Graduate School's Internal Proposal Routing System (IPRS): http://www9.georgetown.edu/grad/gsas_www/gu_awards