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Faculty Scholars Program
2026-2027

October 30, 2026

TO: UNH Durham & Manchester Tenured Faculty

FROM: The University Faculty Development Committee

The Faculty Development Committee is pleased to announce the opening of applications for the 2026-2027 Faculty Scholars competition (recipients to receive award during the 2027-2028 academic year). **Application Deadline: Dean's Office: Monday, November 23, 2026 /Provost's Office: Friday, December 18, 2026.**

Purpose:
The Faculty Scholars Program provides UNH scholars who are at a critical stage in completing a phase of their ongoing work the opportunity to devote themselves full time to their scholarly activity for at least one semester. The committee anticipates that this opportunity will help recipients make a major contribution to their professional development or to the culmination of a major scholarly effort.

Financial Support:
The Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs will provide support for this program. The Faculty Development Committee will select up to four awardees, preferably from at least two different colleges or schools. The academic affairs office will transfer funds to cover release time on behalf of each awardee to the appropriate dean's office. The dean will be responsible for making whatever arrangements are necessary to allow the faculty members to devote themselves full time to scholarship for one semester. The funds are not directly available to the awardee for reimbursement of budgeted expenses.

Duration:
These awards are to be used for either fall 2027 semester or spring 2028 semester.

Relationship to Sabbatical Leaves:
The Faculty Scholars Program is independent of the sabbatical leave program. A scholarship award does not affect the "sabbatical clock" of the faculty scholar. A faculty member planning a sabbatical leave may apply for a faculty scholar's award for the same academic year. Evaluation of the merits of scholarship proposals will be independent of sabbatical arrangements or possibilities.

Eligibility:
An applicant for a faculty scholarship must be a **tenured** member of the faculty of the University of New Hampshire. The applicant should be able to present evidence of an ongoing commitment to scholarship and/or a new discovery, concept, research perspective, or opportunity for performance, exhibition or research that provides the unusual circumstance justifying a scholarship award. Priority is normally given to faculty who have not received awards in the last few years.

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The Application

The application must consist of the following sections and specifically address each listed item:

I. **The Proposal (maximum of six double-spaced pages, 12pt font, exclusive of documentation). Applicants are advised to write their proposals in a style accessible to committee members across UNH's colleges and disciplines.**

(a) Have a 1 paragraph abstract of the proposal

(b) A succinct description of the proposed scholarly or artistic activities, objectives, and timeframe

(c) A brief discussion of the current status of the applicant's research or work and the impact that the proposed full-time activity will have on the attainment of the applicant's objectives

(d) A list of current external research or artistic support and pending and/or planned applications for such support

(e) Documentation to assist the reviewers in assessing the importance of the proposed activities to the field of study:

i. Applicant's current brief curriculum vitae
ii. No more than three letters of support from colleagues and/or experts in the field (in addition to letters of support from chair and dean).

Letters of support may be sent directly to the applicant's dean's office.

II. **Administrative Support**

The application must contain letters from the applicant's department chair and school/college dean endorsing the proposal.

Application due dates:
Dean's Office: Monday, November 23, 2026
Provost's Office: Friday, December 18, 2026

Submit ONE complete copy of proposal to:
Your Dean's Office Representative
Attn: Faculty Scholars Program

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Announcement of Awards
The names of the faculty scholars will be announced in February.

Evaluation of Proposals
The Faculty Development Committee will, with the assistance of peer reviewers, when necessary, evaluate the submitted proposals and award the faculty scholarships.

Report From Awardee
Upon completion of the scholarship period, each faculty scholar must provide a brief report describing the scholar's activities and success in attaining the planned objectives. This report is to be submitted to the provost and vice president for academic affairs with a copy to the scholar's dean.

Checklist – ONE complete copy of proposal to include:

- ☐ proposal (6 double-spaced paged maximum)
- ☐ letters of support from colleagues (maximum of three)
- ☐ department chair letter of support (enclosed or sent directly to your dean's office)
- ☐ brief curriculum vitae
- ☐ dean letter of support (will be included by dean's office)
- ☐ **SUBMIT ONE COPY OF PROPOSAL TO YOUR DEAN'S OFFICE**

Questions concerning the Faculty Scholars Program may be directed to the provost's office (2-3290), academic.affairs@unh.edu, or to any member of the committee:

CHHS	Marcy Ainslie, Associate Professor Nursing
COLA	David Upham, Associate Professor Music
Paul College	Gorkem Turgut Ozer, Assistant Professor Decision Sciences
CPSM	John Sparrow, Associate Professor Life Sciences
COLSA	Sherman Bigornia, Associate Professor Agriculture, Nutrition, and Food Systems
CEPS	Jo Sias, Professor Civil & Environmental Engineering
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