Conrad Humanities Professorial Scholar Awards

These professorial scholar awards, funded by a gift from Arlys Conrad, are designed to support the work of exceptionally promising associate professors in humanities units within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The awards provide $5,000 in funding each year for up to five years; these funds may be used at the discretion of the faculty member to support her or his research and teaching. In addition, the award brings with it a semester’s release from teaching that can be used at any time that proves mutually agreeable to the faculty member and her or his unit executive officer.

Approximately 3-5 Conrad Humanities Professorial Scholar Awards will be made each year. A goal of the Conrad Humanities Professional Scholar Award is to recognize exceptional achievement in humanists between the initial promotion to associate professor through the promotion to professor, with the aim of enhancing retention of our strongest scholarly leaders.

Criteria

These awards are designed to recognize tenured faculty members who are established or emerging leaders with exceptionally strong scholarly recognition and significant promise for continued achievement. Nominees should be associate professors who hold a greater than 0% appointment in an LAS unit and who have achieved a level of visibility in their field(s) that enhances vulnerability for external recruitment. As is the case with any named appointment, candidates are expected to participate in teaching consistent with the norm of the appointing unit, and to share in the collegial responsibilities of the department and the University.

Process

1. Unit executive officers of LAS Humanities Council units with tenure-line faculty may submit one nomination each year.
2. Nominations will be due June 1, and should consist of 1) a detailed narrative letter from the unit executive officer describing the achievements and promise of a candidate for a Conrad Humanities Professorial Scholar Award and 2) the candidate’s curriculum vitae.
   Nominations should be sent to: lasdean@illinois.edu
3. A review committee will review the nominations and make recommendations to the dean. Decisions will be made in summer in time for awards to begin in August.