



## JUNIOR FACULTY DEVELOPMENT AWARDS FOR 2021

Are you an untenured assistant or associate professor looking for support for a research or scholarly project? Each year, the Provost's Office hosts a competition for \$10,000 Junior Faculty Development Awards with funds provided by IBM and R. J. Reynolds Industries, Inc. These awards are to be expended during the period beginning February 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021.

- All applicants must be permanent, full-time, salaried faculty members without tenure and must not have been proposed for tenure prior to the application deadline, **Friday, November 20, 2020**. They must hold the rank of assistant professor or associate professor. Research, Clinical, and Teaching assistant and associate professors may also apply.
- Preference will be given first to persons holding the rank of assistant professor and then to persons holding the rank of associate professor. Individuals approaching a tenure decision will be seen as receiving unique benefits from a Junior Faculty Development Award.
- Preference will be given to applicants in their second, third, or fourth year of service at the time of their application.
- No person who has previously received a Junior Faculty Development Award may receive a second award.
- Funds from the award may not be used to provide release time from regular employment. For persons on nine-month contracts, the award may be used to provide summer salary (plus associated fringe benefits); in this case the award will count toward the normal limit for summer salary (one-third of base salary). Since the fringe benefit costs will be charged to the same fund and source as the salary, the entire amount of the award cannot be paid as summer salary.
- Nine-month faculty who use the Junior Faculty Development Award for summer salary may not teach or serve as an administrator in the Summer School during the Summer 2021 sessions.
- Funds from the award may also be used for supplies, equipment, salaries of assistants (plus associated fringe benefits), travel, or to assist with any other dimension of faculty development.

Please submit the following four items in your application packet **as a single pdf file**:

1. A brief narrative description of the project to be undertaken, **no longer than two pages** (if you choose to include references, a third page may be added if necessary). **Be sure to give the project a title**, and describe how this funding will add to your capacity to complete the project;
2. A brief proposed budget which cannot exceed \$10,000. The budget should list the kinds of expenditures proposed (e.g., salary, fringe benefits, travel, equipment, etc.), and, in addition, should also indicate any other funds (e.g., NEH Summer Fellowships, University Research Council awards, etc.) which will be used to support the project;
3. A curriculum vitae;

4. A signed letter of endorsement from the applicant's department or curriculum chair (or, in the case of non-departmentalized schools, the dean of the school). If the chair or dean prefers, this letter may be emailed directly to the Provost's Office at [Gordon@unc.edu](mailto:Gordon@unc.edu).

All applications should be submitted online in Sakai using the "Junior Faculty Development Award" site. Please submit a brief email to [JFDA.Provost@unc.edu](mailto:JFDA.Provost@unc.edu) requesting access to the Sakai site, and be sure to include your ONYEN, your UNC email address, and your UNC mailing address including Campus Box (CB) number. Once you have access to the site, you should upload the above four items as soon as possible, as a **single** pdf document in the order shown above. **The complete application packet, including the letter of endorsement, must be received no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, November 20, 2020.**

All applications will be reviewed by the Committee on Faculty Research and Scholarly Leaves, to be convened by the Provost. Due to the number of applications received each year, no oral or written feedback on applications can be provided to individual applicants.

Please email Gordon Joyner in the Provost's Office at [Gordon@unc.edu](mailto:Gordon@unc.edu) if you have any questions about or problems with the application process.

Sincerely,

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