**Call for Proposals and Application Information**

**Purpose and Description**

The goal of the Dean’s Teaching Scholars Awards is to facilitate the development of research and programs that support nursing education. Proposals may be either: 1) research to support evidence-based practices in teaching; or 2) courses/programs that will enhance the teaching/learning process. Examples of this second type include projects to evaluate teaching strategies or educational programs, or development of publications or other forms of dissemination related to the scholarship of teaching. Up to four proposals will be funded each year. Faculty having proposals approved and funded will be named as a Dean’s Teaching Scholar for the period of funding.

**Eligibility**

All faculty who have been a UMSON full-time faculty member for at least one year are eligible to submit a proposal.

# **Awards**

# The Teaching Scholars will be provided with resources and support for: 1) research projects related to teaching/learning; 2) development of projects with potential for subsequent research funding; or 3) development of an innovative course with a major evaluation component. Proposed budgets should not exceed $5000. The Dean's Teaching Scholar Award funds must be spent within one year except as negotiated with the Directors of the Institute for Educators in Nursing.

# Faculty submitting proposals can request consultation during proposal preparation, as well as editorial and statistical support. All proposals must be discussed with 1) an Institute for Educators Faculty Member; and 2) the Department Chair who is asked to sign off on the proposal prior to submission to indicate support for the project.

Funded Dean’s Teaching Scholars will **submit quarterly progress reports** to the Institute for Educators and attend scheduled meetings of Scholars as needed. The final product of each award is expected to be a **manuscript reporting on the project submitted to a peer-reviewed journal by a negotiated date for submission.**

**Instructions for Application**

Faculty applicants should prepare a proposal packet as described below. **An electronic file of the completed proposal packet must be submitted by February 1, 2024.** Applicants will be notified if their proposal is accepted for funding on March 1, 2024.

# **Proposal Packet**

The proposal packet consists of two parts: The completed application form and the proposal.

### **I. Application Form**

### The first page of the application form is to be completed with the requested information including an abstract of the proposed project. The abstract should be 1) no more than 750 words; 2) clearly state the broad, long-term objectives and specific aims for the program; 3) refer to the teaching mission of the University of Maryland School of Nursing; and 4) concisely describe the design and methods for achieving the aims of the project.

### The second page of the form contains agreements to be completed and signed by the faculty member, the Department Chair, and the Associate Dean for Research if statistical support is requested.

**III. Proposal**

The proposal narrative should be limited to no more than 10 pages (12 pt. font, single-spaced) and should include the following, depending on the type of project:

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|  | **RESEARCH PROJECT** | **OTHER TYPE OF PROJECT** |
| **Narrative** | Problem and Significance | Problem and Significance |
| Goal of Project | Goal of Project |
| Specific Aims of Project | Specific Aims of Project |
| Research Question(s)/Hypothesis | Objectives of Project |
| Brief Summary of Related Literature | Brief Summary of Related Literature |
| Evidence of any preliminary work by applicant | Evidence of any preliminary work by applicant |
| Design and Methods | Plan of Action |
| Plan for Analysis of Data | Plan for Evaluation |
| **Appendices** | Reference List | Reference List |
| Itemized Budget | Itemized Budget |
| Justification for Each Budget Item | Justification for Each Budget Item |
| Outline of Applicant Learning Activities and  Resources Needed to Complete Project | Outline of Applicant Learning Activities and Resources Needed to Complete Project |

# **Proposal Packet Submission:**

An electronic copy of the proposal is to be submitted by **February 1, 2024,** to:

[instituteforeducators@umaryland.edu](mailto:instituteforeducators@umaryland.edu).

#### **Criteria for Review:**

Proposal packets will undergo a competitive, blind peer review process to identify the most meritorious projects. Criteria include:

* fit with priority areas such as the SON Strategic Plan and teaching mission of the School of Nursing;
* scientific merit;
* significance and innovativeness; and
* feasibility for completion within the 1-year time frame of the award.

**Application Form**

**Applicant Name(s) and Credentials:**

**Date:**

**Telephone #:**

**Department:**

**Email Address:**

**Project Title:**

**Anticipated Start Date:**

**Anticipated Completion Date:**

**Abstract:**

**Project Title:**

**Faculty Agreement**

I agree to participate in the Dean's Teaching Scholars Program and be actively involved in the activities required for successful completion of the project.

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**Name (printed):**

**Signature:**

**Date:**

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**Estimated percent of Scholarly portion of my time to complete project:**

**Estimated number and type of department/school resources needed to complete project:**

**Department Chair Agreement**

I have read and am supportive of the time and resource commitments required for the above-mentioned faculty member's proposed project.

**Name (printed):**

**Signature:**

**Date:**

**Department:**

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**Associate Dean for Research Agreement** (as appropriate)

I have read and am supportive of the time and resource commitments required for the above-mentioned faculty member's proposed project.

**Name (printed):**

**Signature:**

**Date:**

**Department:**

copy: Faculty Applicant

Department Chair

Institute for Educators