

College of Arts and Letters Legacy Awards

Description: The Legacy Awards, established by the College of Arts and Letters Alumni Board, provide \$7,000 to faculty to support a compelling teacher-scholar project. Teacher-scholars are actively engaged in advancing their fields of inquiry and are committed to blending teaching and scholarship into a single endeavor.

Applications include a proposal for a project that advances knowledge and enhances student learning (with bibliography), budget for the proposed project, c.v., and a cover sheet with the Academic Unit Head's signature. Projects must involve students in a substantial way and the proposal should discuss how students will be involved in the project and how they will benefit from this involvement. Please note that Legacy Award recipients agree not to teach any courses in the summer of the grant (unless the course is directly connected to the proposed project) and to present their work in a way that is accessible to non-specialists at a CAL Alumni Board meeting.

Eligibility: Tenured, tenure-track, and renewable-term contract faculty members in the College of Arts and Letters who have not received a Legacy Award, Summer Grant, or Shaeffer Award in the past three years are eligible to apply.

Criteria: Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Ability to articulate how the project advances knowledge and enhances student learning
- Involvement of students
- Quality of the conception, organization, and description of the project
- Feasibility and appropriateness of the proposed plan of work
- Connection to the University's and College's mission

Application Process: To be considered, individuals must submit the following materials **as a single pdf** (no paper copies) to wismanlb@jmu.edu:

- A proposal for a project that advances knowledge and enhances student learning. The proposal narrative should be no longer than three, single-spaced pages. The bibliography should be no more than one single-spaced page.
- Budget
- Curriculum Vitae
- Cover sheet with Academic Unit Head signature/approval

Selection Committee: The College of Arts and Letters Research, Awards, and Development Committee will review all applications. The CAL Associate Dean for Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities will serve as a non-voting chair.

Conditions of Acceptance: By accepting the award, the recipient agrees to (1) not teach in the summer of the year of the award unless the course is directly related to the proposed project, (2) present the project at a CAL Alumni Board meeting, and (3) submit a report describing project outcomes in the fall following the receipt of the grant.

Deadline: Applications are due to Laura Wisman (wismanlb@jmu.edu) by **Friday, January 26, 2024**.