

LAS Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Initiative

The Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Initiative (HSEI) in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences is a research initiative designed to encourage and assist LAS humanities faculty seeking to enhance their scholarly productivity and impact. The college funds course releases awarded through a competitive process to support faculty in their scholarly work. Criteria for funding of LAS Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Initiative (HSEI) proposals include evaluation of the merit of the research, its potential impact on scholarly productivity, and its alignment with areas of research excellence in the college.

- Each HSEI award provides funding for the actual teaching replacement cost of a semester-long, single-course release. The intent is to support highly competitive proposals and to provide maximum impact for the investment.
- A departmental cost-share commitment for at least \$1000 of professional development funding in support of this specific effort must be committed by the chair of the investigator's home department.
- LAS HSEI proposals must include a description of and rationale for the potential impact of the supported scholarship on the investigator's productivity and on the field.

Application Process

LAS HSEI proposals should be submitted to [this Cybox folder \(https://iastate.app.box.com/f/b275b181d8a44fba9ad397c72fef9dc5\)](https://iastate.app.box.com/f/b275b181d8a44fba9ad397c72fef9dc5) by 5:00 pm **February 1**.

The application should be no more than three pages, single-spaced, using a 12 point font and one inch margins, and must include the following:

- **Name, rank and affiliation of investigator.** Provide the full name, academic rank, and organizational and departmental affiliation for the investigator, whose tenure home must be in the LAS College.
- **Title, justification and rationale.** Clearly describe the rationale for the proposed scholarly work, including the aims and objectives, as well as an explanation of how it will enhance the investigator's scholarly productivity, the investigator's long-term scholarly goals, and research excellence in the college.
- **Chair confirmation, commitment, and estimated replacement cost.** Confirmation from the investigator's academic chair must be provided (not factored in the 3-page limit) verifying approval of the request for a course release, of the departmental commitment for at least \$1000 professional development support for the project, and estimate of the cost needed for replacement cost. This should be included as part of your application packet.

Only one HSEI application per investigator is permitted each year.

Review Criteria and Selection Process

Applications will be evaluated and ranked according to the following criteria:

- Demonstrate meritorious research with a high potential for impact on productivity and on the field.
- Demonstrate the potential to enhance the long-term scholarly goals of the investigator.
- Demonstrate the potential to enhance areas of research excellence in the college.

Applications will be reviewed and ranked by the LAS college administration, informed by reviews from knowledgeable scholars, and in consultation with the investigator's department chair. Therefore, proposals should be written in a manner appropriate for reviewers representing all disciplines, including non-experts. Funding will be available for the next academic year.

Accomplishment Reports.

Applicants receiving LAS HSEI funding must provide a report of accomplishments to the LAS Associate Dean for Research within 30 days following the end of the semester in which the course release occurs.

The reports should each include the following:

- Progress toward research productivity goals, including papers published and manuscripts submitted, presentations at conferences, etc.
- A concise (no more than 2 pages) narrative explaining progress in scholarly research. The narrative should include information on how the research is having disciplinary impact and advancing research excellence in the college more broadly.

Questions.

Questions should be directed to the Associate Dean for Research, who will be available to discuss this opportunity and encourages individuals to contact her with ideas, questions, etc., by telephone or email, or to schedule an appointment.