

W. Taylor Reveley, III Interdisciplinary Faculty Fellows Program Call for Proposals

For over two decades, interdisciplinary inquiry has brought considerable excitement to research and teaching, and many faculty members have discovered that bringing together different disciplinary approaches is both liberating and a spur to new findings and paradigms. Funded through a generous grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation in honor of former President Reveley's leadership on the Mellon board of directors, the Reveley Fellows program creates an abiding and renewing mechanism of structure and support for interdisciplinary work at William & Mary.

All full-time, continuing faculty (both tenure- and non-tenure-eligible) are eligible to apply. Because this program targets interdisciplinary work, interested faculty will apply in pairs with a proposal for a joint project. If selected, these faculty teams will collaboratively design and teach a new course, and develop a concomitant research project. Up to six Fellows (three pairs of collaborators) will be selected.

Faculty selected will serve as Reveley Faculty Fellows for a three-year period, during which time each Fellow will receive a modest stipend (\$4,000/year). Each team of Fellows will collaboratively develop a new course in the first year and teach it in the second and third. In the second two years, the faculty members' schools/departments may receive additional funds if needed to cover any lost teaching. (In cases where faculty leave intersects this three-year period, arrangements may be made so that the Fellows may carry out the teaching beyond this period.) The focus is on integrative and interdisciplinary teaching, but since scholarship and teaching are intimately linked in the William & Mary model of education, it is expected that Fellows will also generate new scholarship informed by their project.

Fellows gather occasionally to share their work with each other and the broader campus community. They are also expected to participate annually in a meeting with a larger group of current Reveley Faculty Fellows, and to provide any information requested by the Office of Corporate and Foundation Relations for reporting purposes.

Required Application Elements

1. Completed application cover sheet, including approval by appropriate Dean and (if applicable) Department Chair.
2. A description of the project in terms readily accessible by those not expert in the field including:
 - a. full description of the project and the new course emerging from it;
 - b. an assessment plan for the success of the collaboration and the course (beyond course evaluations);
 - c. the anticipated impact on scholarship and other teachingDescription should be no more than 2,000 words.
3. A current CV for each faculty applicant.

Proposals are due to the Office of the Vice Provost for Academic & Faculty Affairs by **Friday, February 7, 2020**. Email your completed application package to Margaret Morrison, mjmorrison@wm.edu.

Selection and Announcement

A selection committee will review all applications. The selection committee will make recommendations to the Provost, who will make the final selection. Key criteria will be:

- creativity of proposal

- ability of applicants to carry it out in the allotted time period
- impact on the curriculum and the campus intellectual community
- likelihood of success
- depth of integration between/across areas
- potential to lead to future scholarship/research
- potential to advance William & Mary's strategic priorities

Preference will be given to proposals that cross school (and not only department) boundaries.

Selected Reveley Faculty Fellows will be notified in early March 2020.