

TO: Deans

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SUBJECT: Campus-wide Named Chairs and Professorships - Open for 2021-22

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The following campus-wide chairs or professorships are available for the 2021-22 academic year:

- Peter Kiewit Distinguished Professorship (1 available)

The **Peter Kiewit Distinguished Professorship** is awarded on the basis of outstanding performance in research/creative activity and in teaching. Appointments are made for a three-year period. The professorship typically carries a \$5,000 supplement to the annual salary. Eligibility is limited to faculty holding the rank of full professor. The professorships are renewable for one three-year period based on review of performance. Faculty currently holding another designated professorship may be considered; however, only one such appointment may be held at a time.

#### **Evaluation Criteria**

Excellence in research or creative activity and teaching will be evaluated according to the criteria listed below. Nomination materials should be concise and focused, and provide evidence related to the evaluation criteria. Examples of possible indicators are listed after each criterion, but do not constitute an exhaustive list.

Applicants are also asked to include information on how their work contributes to or enhances inclusive excellence at UNO. In other words, to what extent does their work enhance diversity and contribute to an equitable and inclusive campus community?

#### Research

- Impact and visibility of the research/creative activity in the discipline and among external audiences (e.g., quantity of work, quality of outlets, citation counts, showings/exhibitions, invited performances).

- Impact of the research/creative activity on the university and internal audiences (e.g., external funding, student mentoring and/or research opportunities, collaborative work with faculty or students leading to presentations, publications, etc., campus showings, exhibitions, or performances).
- Reputation and recognition as an expert among a national or international audience (e.g., external letters from peers in the discipline, honors/awards).
- Sustained record of research or creative activity over time.

### Teaching

- Inclusive teaching excellence (e.g., inclusive pedagogies, universal design elements, mentoring students from underrepresented groups, syllabus revision)
- Exceptional classroom teaching (e.g., course evaluations, peer observations, pedagogical tools, service learning, honors sections).
- Teaching excellence outside the classroom (e.g., chair/member student honors, thesis, or dissertation committee, mentoring students or supervising student research or creative activity, supervising independent studies or directed readings, academic or career advising).
- Curriculum development and/or pedagogical innovations (e.g., new course development, new pedagogies, professional development activities related to teaching).
- Publications and presentations related to teaching excellence (e.g., research or creative activity articles, textbooks, invited lectures, leading workshops).

### **Nomination and Application Information**

Nomination and application materials for campus-wide professorships for 2021-22 are due electronically by March 1, 2021 and will be reviewed by the Professorship Committee.

Nominations are valid for up to three years<sup>1</sup> though they may be updated by the nominee, if desired. Nominees will be considered for all identified professorships for which they are eligible and have submitted appropriate materials, as described below:

All applications should include the following:

- Personal statement by the nominee describing how s/he has established a sustained record of excellence in research or creative activity and in teaching. The statement should also
- Current CV with complete information
  - Research/creative activity entries should include at a minimum peer-reviewed work, books, presentations, performances, exhibitions, percentage of contribution (if

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<sup>1</sup> For this review cycle, applications received during or after the 2018-19 academic year will be reviewed for 2021-22 professorships.

- possible), and externally funded work including the funding agency, duration, and amount of funding).
- Applicants who want to be considered for a Kiewit Professorship at a minimum must also include teaching activities on the CV; at a minimum a list of courses taught, course evaluations for the last 5 years, and honors project, theses, and dissertation committees.
  - Letter of nomination by the Department Chair, School Director, or a UNO faculty member holding the rank of Professor.
  - Letter of support from the Dean of the nominee's college.
  - Three external letters of support that speak to the research/creative activity record and specifically address its broader impact on the discipline as well as its impact beyond the discipline (e.g., impact on public policy, human rights, quality of life, etc.). If appropriate, the letter may also address the candidate's teaching record. The nominee is expected to make arrangements to have the letters sent directly to Candice Batton at [cbatton@unomaha.edu](mailto:cbatton@unomaha.edu).
  - A sample (i.e., 3-5 items) of the nominee's research or creative activity.

Application materials must be received electronically by March 1, 2021 for full consideration by the Professorship Committee. Applicants are asked to submit materials consisting of only the required files (i.e., personal statement, CV, nomination letter, dean's support letter, 3-5 samples of work) by sharing a Box folder with Christine Hoffman ([choffman@unomaha.edu](mailto:choffman@unomaha.edu)) in Academic Affairs.

Questions? Please contact Candice Batton, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Faculty Affairs, at [cbatton@unomaha.edu](mailto:cbatton@unomaha.edu) or 402.554.4452.