2020-2022 James R. Schumacher Chair of Ethics Application

The Service Learning Academy is seeking applications for two James R. Schumacher Chairs of Ethics. The Schumacher Chair of Ethics was established in 2008. Joseph Brown, Psychology department, was the inaugural recipient; Amy Rodie from the College of Business most recently held the role.

The James R. Schumacher Chair of Ethics is designed to recognize outstanding faculty member(s) committed to increasing knowledge, awareness, and application of the principles of ethics, tolerance, and understanding. The Schumacher Chair is awarded based on the following criteria:

- Recipients will have an established record of excellence with an instructional and scholarly focus on ethics generally and/or within their discipline (e.g. business, public administration, education, etc.)
- Recipients will have a commitment to increasing student understanding and application of ethical principles within a service learning context.

The Schumacher Chair is open to associate or full professors from all UNO colleges. The two recipients will each teach one Schumacher Seminar each year. The students enrolled in the Schumacher Seminar (maximum of 20) will be awarded scholarships (usually $500 each). This seminar and the scholarships are specifically designed to:

- Increase knowledge and application of ethical principles and systems;
- Increase awareness, appreciation, and knowledge of diverse cultures, people, and ideas and foster increased inclusion and equity;
- Engage students in their learning and community through service learning and experiential teaching and learning techniques to better understand course content.

The Schumacher Chairs will include an annual supplemental salary stipend (approximately $10,000) and an annual professional and program development stipend (approximately $10,000). The stipends are used by the Schumacher Chairs to support their professional teaching, scholarly, and engagement activities as well as promote campus programming related to the goals and criteria for the chair and seminars. Specific dollar amounts are dependent upon fund availability.

Applications will be reviewed by a committee constituted by Academic Affairs, led by the Director of the UNO Service Learning Academy. The Chair shall be for a 3-year term and renewable for a second term. Recipients may not hold another professorship or chair simultaneously.

Applications for the James R. Schumacher Chair should consist of the following:

1. Letter of nomination by the departmental chairperson or Director.
2. Seconding letter from a colleague in the nominee’s department or another department at UNO.
3. Letter of support from the dean.
4. Three letters from outside references knowledgeable about the applicant’s instructional and/or scholarly expertise.
5. Supplemental information prepared by the nominee as suggested below.
Outline of Suggested Supplemental Application Materials for the James R. Schumacher Chair of Ethics

- Letter of application from nominee addressing teaching/instructional philosophy and focus, contextual framework for research/creative activity focused on ethics, and commitment to increasing student understanding and application of ethical principles within a service-learning context.
- Curriculum Vitae
- Narrative Summary/Highlights of Instructional Activity relevant to the criteria for the James R. Schumacher Chair of Ethics such as:
  - Curriculum Development, especially related to service learning
  - Development of innovative instructional techniques and materials
  - Achievements of present and former students
  - Student evaluations of teaching
  - Peer evaluations of teaching
  - Funded instructional grants
  - Other activities related to teaching (e.g. pedagogical presentation, publications, advising, mentoring, participation in teaching enrichment activities, etc.)
  - Honors and distinctions pertaining to teaching
- Narrative Summary/Highlights of Research/Creative Activity relevant to the criteria for the James R. Schumacher Chair of Ethics such as:
  - Books, monographs, or parts thereof published or accepted for publication
  - Articles published or accepted for publication
  - Papers presented
  - Other creative activity (e.g. work of art, artistic performances, shows, etc.)
  - Funded research grants
  - Other activities related to research/creative activity (e.g., chairing professional panels, book reviews, etc.)
  - Honors and distinctions related to research/creative activity
  - Relevant community engagement/service learning related research/creative activity

Applicants should submit materials as a single package PDF to Julie Dierberger, Paul Sather Distinguished Director, Service Learning Academy, to jdierberger@unomaha.edu. The deadline for nominations and all supporting material is March 1st, 2020. Please refer questions to jdierberger@unomaha.edu or via telephone at 402.554.6019.