The College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences is pleased to announce the CLASS Faculty Excellence Award (FEA), beginning in AY 2018/2019, which will recognize outstanding tenured faculty and support their continuing professional development. On behalf of all faculty, gratitude is expressed to donors whose gifts to the Endowment make this award possible.

**Purpose**

The purpose of this annual award is to recognize and support the work of an individual faculty member who has consistently achieved the highest goals of the “teacher-scholar.” The designated FEA winner will demonstrate consistent success in the creation and dissemination of professional research/creative activities, and the **integration of research into teaching activities** that inspire and enable students to themselves engage in ongoing inquiry and research/creative activities.

**The Award**

The award carries a research support stipend of $4,000. Funds may be used for research activities such as travel to collect data; visit archives, museums, libraries, or historical sites; or, attend a workshop or seminar. Funds may also be used to purchase data sets and equipment, and for other activities considered to be scholarly work relevant to a specific discipline.

Funds may not be used to hire TAs, RAs, and part-time staff or to pay for course releases.
The award will be announced in spring 2018 and funds will be made available on July 1, 2018. **Funds must be expended by June 30, 2019.**

**Faculty Eligibility**

- Associate (tenured at the time of the application) or full professors in the College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences are eligible to apply.
- The applicant must demonstrate an ongoing and sustained classroom assignment of 50% or more of the regular teaching load and must teach 50% of their load in the year of the award.

**Application Process & Required Materials**

Submit one hard copy of your application to the Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Administration in CLASS no later than April 2, 2018. The application packet should include:

- A cover letter (not to exceed 3 pages) summarizing how the applicant meets the qualifications and what activities will be planned using the award
- A current CV
- Evidence of recent scholarship or creative activity (e.g., recitals, presentations, exhibits, shows, publications, grants)
- Evidence of innovative teaching supported by some or all of the following:
  - teaching evaluations **(no more than 5)**
  - a peer observation of teaching
  - sample syllabi and course assignments, and/or
  - confirmation of active involvement with students in educational and scholarly activities (e.g., competitions, conferences, community engagement, poster sessions, recitals, exhibits, student-faculty publications)
• Evidence of how scholarship or creative activities influence course development (e.g., assignments, projects, course content)
• A general budget plan.

In proposing the use of the award, please keep in mind that funds are to be used for scholarly activities that will enhance teaching. As stated above, examples of these activities may include travel to collect data; visit archives, museums, libraries or historical sites; attend workshops or seminars; or, purchase data sets or equipment. Any purchased items will be the property of CSUEB. Funds may not be used to hire TAs, RAs, and part-time staff or to fund course releases.

Deadline:

Proposals are due to Interim Associate Dean, Patricia Jennings in the CLASS Office by April 2, 2018. The award will be announced by May 30, 2018.