



OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

TELEPHONE: 301.445.1901
FACSIMILE: 301.445.1931

3300 METZEROTT ROAD
ADELPHI, MD 20783-1690

To: Juliette B. Bell
Donald F. Boesch
Mickey Burnim
Timothy Chandler
Janet Dudley-Eshbach
Jonathan C. Gibraltar

Freeman Hrabowski, III
Wallace Loh
Javier Miyares
Mortimer Neufville
Jay A. Perman
Kurt L. Schmoke

From: William E. Kirwan 

Date: Monday, April 13, 2015

Re: The Wilson H. Elkins Professorship

I am most pleased to announce that the University System of Maryland is able to make available to its institutions the Wilson H. Elkins Professorship for use in Academic Year 2015-2016 (FY 2016). The Professorship, which has been in existence for over 25 years, was established to perpetuate the name and contributions of Wilson H. Elkins, a former Rhodes Scholar who led the University of Maryland to new levels of distinction, as its president from 1954 to 1978. Under Dr. Elkins' leadership, the university grew notably in size, scope, and standing. Information about the Professorship and a listing of recent Elkins Professors are available on the University System of Maryland homepage at <http://www.usmd.edu/Leadership/USMOffice/AcademicAffairs/elkins.html>.

Income from the endowment for the Elkins Professorship is intended only to supplement an existing faculty line. The Professorship may be used to recruit an outstanding individual to an institution to fill a vacancy or to provide special recognition and support to retain a current outstanding member of the faculty. Appointments to the Elkins Professorship are ordinarily made for a one-year period; departments may apply for renewal of an existing Elkins Professorship during the normal application cycle. Institutions that use the Professorship to provide a salary supplement should understand that continued salary supplement after the Professorship period becomes the responsibility of the individual institution.

In your letter applying for the Professorship, please indicate the specific department or program that is proposing a Professorship. Special effort will be made to bestow the award in those areas where the Elkins Professor will have an opportunity to make an important contribution to the teaching, research, and public service mission of the institution and the entire University System of Maryland. Direct involvement with undergraduate and/or graduate students and outreach to other institutions within the System are hallmarks of the Elkins Professors. The Professorship should not be viewed as a reward for maintenance of the status quo but as an opportunity for the institution to build on its strengths to be of greater service to its students and to society.

If your application pertains to a current faculty member, please provide a brief curriculum vitae as well as a short narrative description of how this individual exemplifies the excellence an endowed professorship signifies. If your intent is to use the Professorship to recruit an outstanding scholar to your institution, please indicate the names of individuals who might be considered for the proposed appointment; identifying possible candidates in no way implies any obligation to make the final selection from those listed. Finally, your letter should indicate how the income from the Elkins endowment would be used (i.e., a general budget listing the amount of proposed salary supplement, support of a graduate assistant, travel, publication, distinguished lecture series, etc.) and the proposed time period. You should base your proposed budget on a maximum annual award of \$80,000. The amount of spendable income the endowment generates will determine how many awards we can offer for FY 2016.

Please have your letter of application and supporting materials in to me by Friday, May 22, 2015. I look forward to announcing the appointment of the next Wilson H. Elkins Professors.

WEK:zsl

cc: Joann A. Boughman, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Janice Doyle, Chief of Staff to the Chancellor
Anne Moultrie, Vice Chancellor for Communications and Community Engagement
Leonard Raley, President and CEO, University System of Maryland Foundation, Inc.
and Vice Chancellor for Advancement, University System of Maryland
Kathleen M. Ryan, Senior Advisor to the Chancellor
Joseph F. Vivona, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance and Chief
Operating Officer