

**College of Education & Human Development**

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Call for Applications****Purpose:**

The College of Education and Human Development's (EHD) Research and Development (R&D) Committee welcomes applications from faculty for funds to support research and scholarly activity that will promote the college mission and holds promise for external funding support as a Rose Isabelle Kelly Fischer Professor. The Fischer Professorship is an alumni award for a CEHD faculty member in recognition and tribute to excellence in teaching and research in honor of the donor.

This call is aligned with CEHD's mission (see bylaws) and the UND strategic plan. Faculty, staff, and students in CEHD strives to generate knowledge and find solutions to educational and societal challenges through our scholarly activities. CEHD values research *originality* that addresses complex issues in unique ways; *expertise* in cutting-edge best practices; *autonomy* to develop individual programs of study; meaningful *collaborations* among colleagues and students; results that *impact* locally, nationally, and internationally; and a commitment to *scholarly diversity* including basic and applied research, scholarly and creative activity, quantitative/qual/mixed methodologies, methodological and theoretical works, interdisciplinary collaborations, as well as national/international partnerships. Thus, the CEHD R&D committee is soliciting applications for the Fischer Professorship.

**Funding Amount:**

The Fischer Professorship includes an award of up to \$10,000 per year to support an individual faculty member for up to three years (\$30,000 total).

**Timeline:** (recurring annually)

- Submission Date: March 31
- Announcement of Funding Awards: April 15
- All funds should be spent by the ending date of the award. In exceptional circumstances, recipients may request an extension for up to six months to complete a project. No further extensions will be granted.

**Eligibility:**

Tenure-Track and Tenured faculty holding a continuing, full-time appointment in the College of Education and Human Development are eligible for funding.

While all eligible faculty are welcome to apply, priority will be given to those who do not currently have external funding and are not currently receiving or recently received other funding from CEHD for similar activities.

Faculty members who have previously received the Fischer Professorship must have a period of at least five years between the date of submission of the most recent successful application and the date of submission of a subsequent application for a new award. For example, a successful applicant in December 2019, whose award was disbursed in Spring 2020, is eligible to apply again in December 2024. Previous awardees must also have submitted a related external research proposal that includes a budget with indirect costs since receiving the past Professorship. Please note: An external application is one submitted to an agency or foundation "outside UND." Proposals sent to CEHD R&D, ND EPSCoR, and other UND research funds the following are not considered external. The new application must describe how the previous Professorship was used and what applications or related publications resulted.

**Application:**

All applications must include the following information in the order delineated below and must conform to page limits to be reviewed. All proposals should use 12-point Times New Roman font. The application should be prepared to convince and be understood by a general audience, only some of whom may be proficient in the applicant's area.

- **Cover Page** (1-page limit): Project title, date of submission, faculty name with contact information (email address, program affiliation), brief statement of the significance of the project (no more than 3 sentences)
- **3-year Research Plan** (up to 3 single-spaced pages)
  - The issue/problem you intend to explore
  - Significance of the problem
  - Research Questions (and Hypotheses if appropriate)
  - Brief description of methodology (e.g., data collection, analytical approach)
  - The project's intellectual merits and novelty along with its broader impacts
  - How the project aligns with the CEHD mission and UND's Strategic Plan.
- **References** (1 page)
- **External Grant Request for Proposals (RFPs)**. Identify at least 2 program calls providing agency name, funding amount, due dates, and brief description of the funding program (attach RFPs). No minimum value of the grants is set as there is variability in grant size across disciplines; however, faculty must target substantial grants in their field with supporting rationale. Note, an external application is one submitted to an agency or foundation "outside UND." Proposals sent to CEHD R&D, ND EPSCoR, and other UND research funds the following are not considered external.
- **Budget and justification** (1 page): The budget should be for a maximum of 36 months and a total of \$30,000 at a limit of \$10,000 each year. The RFD may consider applications that are budgeted at less than \$30,000 for projects that are particularly meritorious and require limited funding. Based on UND policy, budget expenditures need to be tied directly to the research tasks and goals detailed in the narrative (i.e., each expense needs to have a business purpose). Travel for data collection purposes is allowable, whereas travel to present said research at conferences or in other settings is not. Projected expenditures must be reasonable, justified and directly related to the project. The funds can be distributed as salary (including summer salary and course buy-outs) and can be used to support specific activities and supports necessary for the completion of the project. Please also note that faculty salaries or monies for faculty buyouts are allowed only for CEHD clinical faculty who do not have a percentage for research on their employee contracts. Salary support for undergraduate and graduate research assistants is allowable. Equipment and non-consumable materials that require maintenance must be directly related to the success of the project and the proposal must include a maintenance plan. Please note: Fischer funds can NOT be used to provide ongoing maintenance of existing equipment. Your proposed budget may include travel and expenses in conjunction with attendance or presentation at a conference relevant to the project. However, these funds cannot exceed \$3,000 or 25 percent of your total budget request.
- **Current CV of researcher**

Submit application electronically in one document (preferably in PDF) to the Research and Development Committee c/o Lesli Risky, at [lesli.riskey@und.edu](mailto:lesli.riskey@und.edu)

#### **Review:**

Proposals will be subject to competitive review and ranking by the R&D committee, whose members are elected by the faculty of each department. If a member of the R&D applies, that member will be replaced by a non-competing representative from his or her division for the purpose of evaluating the proposal. Members of the RFD committee will consider the following criteria:

- Significance, intellectual merit, and novelty (Does this project address an important problem/barrier in the given field? How will this project advance knowledge, theory, methodology, and/or practice in the given field?)
- Broader impacts (What is the benefit of this project to society and will it contribute to achieving specific, desired societal outcomes?)
- Alignment with the CEHD mission as presented in the current Bylaws and UND's Strategic Plan

- Impact of funding on faculty professional development/career trajectory. Note, faculty who do not currently have CEHD funding or have not received substantial funding in the past may be prioritized for equivalently scored proposals.
  - Potential contribution(s) of the project to the submission of external funding proposal applications.
- If the R&D committee deems it necessary, they may identify up to three (3) finalists for a brief interview prior to making their final recommendations to the Dean. The purpose of this interview is to learn more about the proposal and answer any remaining questions.

**Post-Award Requirements:**

- Submit an annual report (1 page, single spaced) by May 15 of each academic year. The report should summarize the activities completed and activities planned, as well as the expenditures made and expenditures planned within the remaining project period. The report should also include a brief summary of results of the study, how funds were expended and whether or not the project resulted in external grant proposals/awards, publications, presentations, etc.
  - Apply for substantial external research funding to support their proposed research by no later than 15 months after the start of their contract (e.g., August 16, 2022 contract – proposal submitted or approved by November 15, 2023).
  - Check-in with the ADRFD every other month.
- The researcher(s) will not be eligible for future CEHD research funding until post-award requirements are met.