

## **KU Center for Undergraduate Research Faculty Fellow 2017-2019**

The Center for Undergraduate Research is seeking a faculty member to serve a two-year term as an Undergraduate Research Faculty Fellow. The Fellow will work with Center staff on initiatives and serve on the Faculty Advisory Board to promote undergraduate research on campus. The Undergraduate Research Faculty Fellows program has three key goals:

- To improve the quality of undergraduate research experiences on KU's campus;
- To better support faculty involved with undergraduate research initiatives;
- To serve as a professional development opportunity for the Faculty Fellow

### **Responsibilities**

The Faculty Fellow serves a two-year term, which begins in the August 2017 semester and ends August 2019. The primary focus of the Fellows' position will be to work with Center staff to develop and implement a project related to undergraduate research that fits within the Center's focus areas (listed below). The Undergraduate Research Faculty Fellow will also serve on the Center's Faculty Advisory Board and meet with Center staff as needed.

If selected for the position, the Faculty Fellow would work with Center staff to develop a project related to one of the focus areas listed below. The Fellow could expect to receive some staff support and a minimal budget for this project, but the primary responsibility for the initiative would remain with the Faculty Fellow.

The Center is interested in pursuing initiatives in these focus areas:

1. **Research in the curriculum:** work with departments and faculty members interested in incorporating research skills into the undergraduate curriculum and degree-level learning outcomes.
2. **Underrepresented students in research:** work with the Center to assess the strengths and weaknesses of current efforts to support underrepresented students interested in undergraduate research. For example, this could involve the Faculty Fellow developing ways to support and engage the mentors in the [Emerging Scholars Program](#).
3. **Mentor support:** work with other faculty to gather ideas and pilot some initiatives to better train, support, or reward faculty, staff, and graduate students who mentor undergraduate researchers.
4. **Graduate Research Consultant (GRC) program:** assist the Center in evaluating the impact of the [GRC program](#) and work with other faculty and campus partners to identify future directions.

### **Expectations and Compensation**

The Faculty Fellow's time commitment will vary somewhat during a given semester, with some weeks requiring more time and some needing less. In general, it is expected that a Faculty Fellow's commitment to the Center will include an average of 8 hours per month. Faculty Fellows will meet with Center staff as needed to move forward with the project and attend Faculty Advisory Board meetings twice each semester.

As compensation, Faculty Fellows will receive a \$7,500 yearly stipend paid at or about June 2018 & again on June 1, 2019. In addition to the stipend, there is also a \$1,500 yearly travel budget for attending an academic conference to learn more about practices to best promote undergraduate research or to present what we are doing on KU's campus at an appropriate conference.

### **Eligibility & Application Process**

All tenured or tenure-track faculty at KU are encouraged to apply. Preference will be given to faculty members who have previous experience in undergraduate research (inside or outside the classroom), but any faculty member interested in undergraduate research is invited to apply.

If interested, please electronically submit a curriculum vitae and a cover letter (three page limit) that explains your interest in the position.

Cover letters should include:

- **Interest & qualifications:** a brief description of why you are interested in the Faculty Fellow position and what qualifications you would bring to the position.
- **Focus area:** identify one (or more) of the focus areas listed above that you would be interested in working on. Briefly describe what you see as KU's strengths and weaknesses in this area and offer any initial thoughts you have for ways a Faculty Fellow project might work in this area.

Application materials should be emailed to John Augusto, director of the Center for Undergraduate Research, (jaugusto@ku.edu) by 5 pm, Friday, May 12, 2017. The start date will be August 15, 2017.