

## **THE BOBBYE STRAIGHT FACULTY INITIATIVE AWARD**

### **AWARD TITLE**

The award will be known as the Bobbye Straight Faculty Initiative Award.

### **PURPOSE OF THE AWARD**

The purpose of the endowment and award is to encourage UNM–Los Alamos faculty creativity and initiative. The endowment will accomplish this purpose by funding annually one original scholarly, professional, technical, or artistic activity resulting in a clearly defined product that benefits the applicant, UNM–Los Alamos, its coursework, and/or its students. Such activities would include, but not be limited to

- Curriculum development
- Generation and submission of grant proposals
- Activities and materials leading to the submission for publication of scholarly, professional, scientific, technical, or critical articles
- Activities and materials leading to the creation of works of scholarly, professional, scientific, technical, or artistic merit
- Activities and materials leading to the scholarly, professional, scientific, technical, artistic, or critical enrichment of the faculty member

### **NATURE OF THE AWARD**

During the application process, applicants will choose one of two award options:

- Three credit hours paid course release time
- OR
- A three thousand dollar (\$3000.00) cash award (less standard withholding)

Team applications may be submitted. In the event that a team project is selected, the release time or cash award will be distributed as outlined in the application, subject to eligibility requirements outlined below.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Eligibility will be restricted to current UNM–Los Alamos and off-site faculty who have taught at the College and/or its off-sites for a total of 8 or more semesters. These semesters need not be consecutive. The recipient(s) must remain eligible for employment at UNM–Los Alamos in order to receive remuneration by the Award.

### **PROCESS and TIMELINE**

The award process will begin with the submission of applications and end approximately 20 months later with the completion activities. A general outline of deadlines and activities is

- Mid-March
  - Submission deadline for applications
- Mid-April
  - Selection and official notification of finalist
  - Finalist's official acceptance
- May Commencement
  - Public announcement of recipient

- Public acceptance and brief project overview by recipient
- Within one academic year of public acceptance
  - Acceptance of remuneration for the Summer, Fall, or Spring term, as selected by recipient
  - Initiation of project activities
- Within two academic years of public acceptance
  - Completion activities
    - Documentation of the activities and completed project for UNM–Los Alamos Archives
    - Presentation/display of completed project by recipient at Spring Faculty Orientation

Application forms, continuously available through the Office of Instruction, the Operations Committee of the Faculty Assembly, and the Faculty Home Page of the UNM–Los Alamos web site [http://www.la.unm.edu/administration/straight\\_endowment.html](http://www.la.unm.edu/administration/straight_endowment.html) will include date-specific information.

#### **SELECTION OF AWARD RECIPIENT**

The selection committee will be chaired by the Campus Executive Director or, in his/her absence, by the President of the Faculty Assembly. The Chair may choose to participate in the selection discussions but will be non-voting. The Selection Committee will be a committee of three composed of

- A non-applicant faculty member chosen by the Operations Committee of the Faculty Assembly
- A representative of student interests
  - A student chosen by the executive committee of Student Government or, if none accepts, by
  - A student chosen by the executive committee of Phi Theta Kappa, or if none accepts, by
  - A member of the Student Services staff, selected by the director for Student Services
- The award's major sponsor, a member of the major sponsor's immediate family, or a representative selected by the major sponsor or major sponsor's immediate family.

The Selection Committee may at its discretion choose not to make an award and/or to include in its selection process applications from the previous year's competition and/or projects completed within the previous calendar year that have not yet received funds from the Award.