

UMassAmherst | Office of Faculty Development

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Call for Applications: Mid-Career Post-Tenure Fellowship (MCPT)

The Office of Faculty Development is accepting applications for the Mid-Career Post-Tenure Fellowship, to be taken during the 2025-2026 academic year in accordance with Article 15.16 of the collective bargaining agreement between UMass Amherst and the Massachusetts Society of Professors.

The purpose of this competitively awarded fellowship is to provide a research-intensive semester to Associate Professors who have had their progress toward promotion to Full Professor slowed due to service or teaching responsibilities that have exceeded the norm. Award recipients shall be provided with one semester of release from teaching responsibilities, department obligations, and college service.

The award may be scheduled in conjunction with an approved sabbatical leave, thereby yielding a full year of leave at full salary. Schools/Colleges shall maintain current number of preexisting mid-career research awards and similar research leave/fellowship opportunities for mid-career faculty.

Please note, after their fellowship is complete, MCPT recipients should submit a brief summary of their fellowship activities to the Office of Faculty Development. If the MCPT Fellowship is combined with a sabbatical, sharing the Post-Leave Sabbatical Report will suffice.

Application Procedure and Selection Criteria:

- Applicants must have achieved the rank of Associate Professor with tenure and completed five or more years of service-in-rank to be eligible to apply.
- Applications should include a proposal narrative and current CV.
- The proposal narrative is not to exceed 3 single-spaced pages. This narrative must include:
 - A plan of work for the semester of leave that demonstrates how the work will facilitate their progress towards promotion to full professor (ideally, within 3 years of the semester of leave).
 - Specific outcomes (publication, grant submission, exhibition, performance, etc.) of the leave are described, along with an anticipated

- timeline of outcome completions.
- Evidence that applicant has resources needed to successfully execute their plan for the semester of leave.
- Evidence of unusual teaching or service responsibilities that support why this research leave is needed.
- Timeline for likely application for promotion to full professor.
- Applicants need to state if they have been awarded or are currently applying for:
 - HFA's Mid-Career Research Award (MCRA) program
 - SBS's Associate Professor Research Leave Grant program
 - Another similar mid-career leave program of their department, college, or school (not including sabbatical leaves)

Review Process:

- Applications should be submitted to the Office of Faculty Development through the [application form](#) no later than Tuesday, November 12, 2024, 7:00 p.m. EST.
- All applicants should send a copy of their completed proposal narrative and CV to their department chair/head by Tuesday, November 12, 2024, 7:00 p.m. EST.
- Additionally, applicants should instruct their department chair/head to submit their endorsement of the proposal through the [endorsement form](#) by Friday, November 15, 2024.
- The Provost's Office will directly solicit endorsements from deans, with the Office of Faculty Development providing deans with copies of proposal narratives, CVs, and chair/head endorsements on the applicant's behalf.
- The Provost will award up to five (5) fellowships for the 2025-26 academic year by February 1, 2025.
- Decisions will be based on the merits of each application.
- Applicants are encouraged to contact Associate Provost for Faculty Development Angela de Oliveira at adeolive@umass.edu with any questions about the process or review criteria.

HFA Only: *The MCPT submission is also your submission to [HFA's Mid-Career Research Award](#). After the Provost selects the 5 MCPT awardees, all other applications from HFA will be forwarded to the College for review. HFA-specific questions can be sent to [Amy Fleig](#).*