

Russell G. Mawby Fellowships in Philanthropic Studies

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR RESEARCH TEAMS OF ONE FACULTY + TWO STUDENTS

The Russell G. Mawby Fellowships in Philanthropic Studies honor the legacy of Dr. Russ Mawby, former president and CEO of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and co-founder of the Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy. The fellowship was established in 2007 with support from Russ and his family. Today, the fellowship supports GVSU faculty and undergraduate students working together on research projects at the intersection of philanthropy and the faculty member's field of study.

Mawby Fellowships intend to foster collaboration and mentorship between faculty and students, advance research opportunities and skills among undergraduate students, and increase academic and public awareness of key questions and topics in philanthropy by supporting original interdisciplinary research. One faculty member is chosen on an annual or bi-annual basis to lead a project and to select two undergraduate fellows as project assistants. Together, they are expected to co-author an original research paper or creative work for publication or presentation.

Faculty fellows receive \$7,500 per year; undergraduate fellows are paid up to \$1,500 each, per year, based on hours worked.¹ Additional support for special requests, such as conference travel or special dissemination opportunities, may be available.

Request for Proposals

The Johnson Center is accepting proposals for this academic year. Written proposals should be no longer than 1,000 words, and should include:

- 1) A description of the proposed research project and its relevance to philanthropy and the faculty person's discipline,
- 2) An explanation of the proposed methodology or project plan,
- 3) A description of the planned final product, and

¹ Because student fellows are determined to be supporting faculty researchers, and their work benefits the university, they must be paid at an hourly rate rather than a lump sum.

- 4) A plan for the publication of research findings.

The proposal must be approved by the dean of the college in which the faculty member has their appointment.

The Johnson Center recognizes that research findings are, by nature, unpredictable. Reasonable changes to the form of the final product and the appropriate dissemination strategy are expected and acceptable.

All GVSU faculty are encouraged to apply.

Proposals are accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis. More than one faculty fellowship (with attendant student fellowships) may be awarded per academic year, depending on available funds. To submit, please send the following items to bauerkal@gvsu.edu with the subject line “Mawby Fellowship.”

1. An original proposal, up to 1,000 words, including all information described above.
2. Written confirmation of approval from the dean of your college.
3. Curriculum vitae and/or resume with your contact information.

Selection

The faculty fellow will be chosen by a selection committee composed of Johnson Center staff. As we work to understand, strengthen, and advance philanthropy, innovative proposals and opportunities for accessible knowledge sharing are encouraged. We aspire to make quality research accessible and informative for all GVSU students, community members, and stakeholders throughout the philanthropic ecosystem.

After the faculty fellow is notified of the award, the fellow should confirm the two Mawby undergraduate fellows. The faculty fellow will enter into a working and mentoring relationship with the students, in which they will serve as research assistants and also co-authors of any published research.

Fellowship Award

An individual stipend of \$7,500 for the faculty fellow will be paid (typically as an overload contract) in two installments: \$3,750 to be paid upon notification of award; \$3,750 paid upon the completion of the project. Undergraduate fellows will be paid for actual hours worked at an agreed-upon rate up to a total of \$1,500 per student. The fellowships begin in August, at the beginning of the fall semester.

The fellowships are expected to last one year, although in some exceptional cases they may be extended over two years. Based on the quality of the proposal and the number of proposals received, additional resources may be awarded to cover additional costs, including those for meetings, supplies, general project travel, or additional student work time.

Questions?

Please contact Kallie Bauer at bauerkal@gvsu.edu or jcp@gvsu.edu. Ph: 616-331-7311