The FACET Scholars program, formerly Towson Academy of Scholars, is now accepting applications for the 2023-2024 academic year.

The program’s purpose is to advance faculty research, with guidance from a nationally known scholar in the faculty member’s area of study. All full-time, tenure-track or tenured faculty and Librarians I, II, III, and IV are eligible to apply. At least three awards will be given to tenure-track Assistant Professors or Librarians I and II, who are in their first four years at Towson University. All academic disciplines are welcome.

The committee will select up to six scholars for the academic year 2023-2024. Applications will be reviewed by a committee of TU faculty.

Each successful applicant will:

1. receive a $2,000 stipend to support original research,
2. receive mentorship from a senior scholar in the FACET Scholar’s field, and
3. present findings to the university community at the annual TU Faculty Research Conference in Fall 2024.

For more information, contact Assistant Provost Patricia Westerman, Ph.D. ([pwesterman@towson.edu](mailto:pwesterman@towson.edu) and x4-6068).

## Important Dates

* April 14, 2023 at 11:59 pm EST: Proposals are due
* May 10, 2023: Recipients will be notified
* Fall 2024: Recipients present research findings to the university community

## Proposal Instructions

Guidance for applicants:

* The review committee is comprised of one faculty member from each college at TU.
* Strive for a broadly accessible narrative that describes project goals, objectives, approach, and outcomes to a multidisciplinary team of reviewers.
* Include a clear, specific statement about how this award will support your research.
* Explain how a mentor external to TU would be helpful in furthering the project and name the mentor, if one has been identified.
* Disclose any other grant funding, in hand or currently under review, in the same or a similar research area, and describe the unique contribution of this project to that work.

## Proposals Must Follow this Format:

To apply, send an updated curriculum vitae and a two-page research proposal (not including cover page or bibliography) via email to Assistant Provost Patricia Westerman ([pwesterman@towson.edu](mailto:pwesterman@towson.edu)).

* Submit the application as a single PDF or Word Document, using your last name in the file name for tracking purposes.
* Only electronic applications will be accepted.
* Submission Deadline: Applications must be received by close of business (11:59 pm) on April 14, 2023.

**Page 1:** Title Page and Author Information (one page)

**Pages 2-3:** Project Narrative and Specific Aims (not to exceed two, single-spaced pages)

* In this section, provide an introduction to the problem or describe the intellectual or artistic contribution of the proposed work.
* Be sure to explain the specific aims and major project goals, and provide a clear rationale and strong motivation for the project.
* Provide a brief and succinct overview of how your project will meet its goals. In describing any research methods or discipline-specific approaches, avoid technical jargon.
* Describe any expected outcomes and products from the work, as well as the significance of these in terms of major contributions to your professional field.
* Clarify how this project extends your scholarship, how the work builds upon previous efforts, and how it will assist you in developing a record of scholarship at TU.
* Explain how a mentor external to TU would be helpful in furthering the project and name the mentor, if one has been identified.

**Page 4:** References cited in project narrative

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