The Towson Academy of Scholars (TAS) is now accepting applications for the 2020-2021 academic year.

The Academy’s purpose is to advance newly-appointed faculty research. All tenure-track Assistant Professors or Librarians I and II, who have been at Towson four years or fewer, are eligible to apply. All academic disciplines are welcome.

The committee will select up to three scholars for the academic year 2020-2021. Applications will be reviewed by the TU TAS Committee Members.

Successful applicants will receive a $1,500 stipend to support their research, receive mentorship from a senior scholar in their field, and present their findings to the university community in a public setting during the Spring of 2021.

For more information, contact TAS Chair Mary W. Carter, Ph.D. (mcarter@towson.edu) or Assistant Provost Patricia Westerman, Ph.D. (pwesterman@towson.edu and x4-6068).

## Important Dates

* April 17, 2020 at 5:00 pm EST: Proposals are due
* May 1, 2020: Recipients will be notified
* Spring 2021: Recipients present their findings to the university community

## Proposal Instructions

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).

* 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 (5:00 pm) on March 30, 2020.

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 statement about how this award will support your research.
* Disclose any other grant funding, in hand or currently under review, in the same or a similar area, and describe the unique contribution of this project to that work.

## Proposals Must Follow this Format:

**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 rational 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.

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

**Page 5 and following:** CV (full length)