

PROVOST FACULTY FELLOWS PROGRAM, OFFICE OF THE PROVOST AND VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS.

Overview: The Provost Faculty Fellows Program will provide one faculty member annually the opportunity to work on a project of their choosing. The Provost Faculty Fellow will choose an initiative they wish to address from a list of university-wide issues identified by the Provost, meet with the Provost and other leaders periodically, and have the opportunity to attend a regional or national leadership development program or conference on the selected initiative. After the program period, which runs for the academic year, the Provost Faculty Fellow will prepare a final report and be expected to maintain a leadership role by mentoring future fellows.

Program Purpose: The Provost Faculty Fellows Program is designed to allow Fort Valley State University (FVSU) faculty to explore senior academic leadership, focusing on instituting meaningful change on a university-wide level while diversifying their range of leadership experiences in the academe. The program assists in developing specific faculty-guided projects that will build and strengthen FVSU operations and infrastructure. As part of the program, Fellows will become familiar with and gain experience in academic initiatives, strategic planning, budget issues, and challenges in higher education. By recruiting the great minds and proven abilities of our exceptional faculty, the program will provide ongoing faculty involvement and input into academic affairs decision-making and increase the faculty understanding of practices and procedures of the FVSU academic administration.

Application Deadline: The application deadline is by the close of business on the second Friday of the application year.

Eligibility: The Provost Faculty Fellows Program is open to all full-time, tenured FVSU faculty members.

Compensation: The Provost Faculty Fellow will receive a \$3,000.00 stipend to be used toward their selected project or project-related travel. In addition, the Provost Faculty Fellow will receive a one-course release.

Application Procedure: Eligible faculty members should submit applications to the Office of Academic Affairs as a single PDF document via email to nicholsm@fvsu.edu, and should include the following:

- A letter of interest describing the applicant's interest in the program and their goals for the program period and beyond;
- Current curriculum vitae; and
- A letter of endorsement from the candidate's department chair or dean agreeing to the course release.

The course release will be funded through the Academic Affairs Office.

Selection: The Provost, in consultation with the Provost Faculty Fellow Selection Committee, will select the successful candidates based on the area of interest, demonstrated leadership potential, and existing needs of the University at the time of selection.

Questions: Questions about the Provost Faculty Fellows may be directed to Mrs. Malinda Nicholson in the Academic Affairs Office at (478) 825-6331 or nicholsm@fvsu.edu