



THE KENELLY-VOSS ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP IN MATHEMATICS

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I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Kenelly-Voss Endowed Professorship in Mathematics is to attract and/or retain a highly qualified faculty member in the field of Mathematics or Mathematics Education who will provide excellence in teaching and significant research contributions. With the establishment of the Kenelly-Voss Endowed Professorship, Southeastern Louisiana University will be able to recognize a distinguished scholar whose past achievements have added significantly to his or her field of expertise.

II ELIGIBILITY:

- A. All associate and full professors in the Department of Mathematics (except those with more than three hours administrative release time) are eligible to make a proposal. Persons to be hired at either the associate or full professor rank in the Southeastern Department of Mathematics are eligible to submit a proposal. (Release time that has been granted for teaching a graduate course or for doing research is not considered administrative release time.)
- B. Candidates for the Kenelly-Voss Endowed Professorship in Mathematics must have excellent academic credentials and a doctoral degree. The candidate's research must be a serious study of mathematics or mathematics education. Candidates with an interest in and commitment to using technology to improve mathematics instruction will be given first consideration.
- C. A person may hold the professorship for at most three years within any consecutive six- year period. If non-qualified faculty apply for the award, the Department Head may call for applicants which may include any previous holder of the professorship.

III DURATION:

- A. The Kenelly-Voss Endowed Professorship will be awarded for three years.
- B. Should the endowed professor resign before the end of his or her three-year appointment, any remaining funds will be forfeited and added to the endowment.

IV ENDOWMENT:

- A. Reassigned time or \$1800 in additional discretionary funds.
The endowed professorship will provide exactly three hours of reassigned time during each fall and spring semester of the award. In the case that the holder of the professorship does not want to take the three hours of reassigned time, the sum of \$1800 per semester will be made available for student labor, graduate assistant support, travel, equipment, software, etc. This money may not be used as a salary supplement.
- B. A budget of approximately \$3,500 in discretionary funds per year. The University

Administration will determine the actual amount of the annual award which may be more or less than this amount. Each year, the University Investment Committee will make a recommendation to the Administration regarding the amount for awards in the coming year. The Investment Committee will base its recommendations on such factors as the actual return on endowment investments, expectations regarding future investment results, the amount of funds available, existing commitments for awards, and Board of Regents policies and restrictions governing endowed professorships.

V PROPOSAL:

- A. The proposal will include the following:
 - 1. Evidence of excellence in teaching.
 - 2. A proposed research program.
 - a. Statements of the problem, purpose, and significance of the research.
 - b. Background for the problem (including prior work in the area).
 - c. Objectives.
 - d. Evaluation methodology.
 - e. Expected method for dissemination of results.
 - f. A current curriculum vita that includes a description of his or her research.
- B. Copies of the proposal packets will be submitted to the Head of the Department of Mathematics by April 20.

VI SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. A committee of five faculty from the pool of associate and full professors who have not submitted a proposal for the Kenelly-Voss Professorship will be chosen. Three of the members of the committee will be selected by all tenured and tenure-track faculty in the Department of Mathematics with professorial rank. The Department Head will appoint two members to the committee.
- B. This committee will review the proposals of the candidates. Then the committee will select the candidate for the professorship who best meets the criteria listed in Part A of Section V, Proposal. The committee may interview any of the applicants with respect to his or her proposal. The committee will present their selection to the Department Head by May 1.
- C. The Department Head will recommend the selected candidate to the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. The Dean will recommend the candidate to the Provost. The selection timetable will be announced to the Department.

VII ACCOUNTABILITY:

- A. By July 1 of each year of the Professorship, the Endowed Professor will submit to the Department Head a two-page summary Annual Report of Activities completed as part of the Professorship. Copies are to be submitted to the Dean, Provost, and Vice President for University Advancement.
- B. By August 15 of each year of the Professorship, the Endowed Professor will submit to the Department Head and to the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences an annual year plan of activities to be completed as part of the Professorship.
- C. During each year of the Professorship, the Endowed Professor will present a talk open to the public, the faculty, and students on his or her work during the term of the Professorship. This presentation will be held on the Southeastern campus.