

**DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR PROGRAM
ANDERSON UNIVERSITY**

Purpose

With initial grant funding from the Lilly Endowment the Distinguished Scholar Program at Anderson University is designed to support those faculty members who excel in the production of exemplary research which leads to the publication of peer-reviewed books and journal articles and those faculty members who excel in creative or performance scholarship which lead to major exhibits or performances in significant artistic venues.

Anderson University has a Distinguished Scholars Program that allows full-time faculty members who meet the criteria listed below to apply for release time for scholarly work conducted as part of, or in addition to, a sabbatical leave. The amount of release time available is determined annually based on the pool of applicants and available resources. Determinations of awards are made by the Provost and Academic Cabinet.

Criteria for Eligibility:

Annually, sabbatical proposals are evaluated against the Distinguished Scholar criteria (in addition to sabbatical criteria). If it is determined that a sabbatical proposal meets both sets of criteria the faculty member may be designated as a Distinguished Scholar during their sabbatical leave. If a faculty member is not eligible for a sabbatical leave but believes their project meets the Distinguished Scholar criteria they may submit an application for consideration. Total credits awarded will be dependent on available resources.

1. Present evidence of prior research published by a peer reviewed press or journal or evidence of prior exhibits or performances in significant artistic venues.
2. Be in the late stages of a project that has a reasonable expectation of being completed within a year from receiving Distinguished Scholar status.
3. Present evidence of continued excellence in the performance of teaching, advising and other responsibilities of Anderson University faculty.
4. May not have had a Distinguished Scholar Award in the previous four years.
5. May not have an overload contract during the time of the Distinguished Scholar Award.

Application Procedures

Faculty members wishing to be considered for a Distinguished Scholar Award are asked to submit the Application for Distinguished Scholar Award within the same deadlines as Sabbatical Applications:

October 25 (or nearest business day)	Due to Department Chair
November 1 (or nearest business day)	Due to Dean
November 8 (or nearest business day)	Due to Provost

1. Faculty rank;
2. Number of years since last sabbatical or last date of participation in the Distinguished Scholar Program or beginning date of appointment to the full-time faculty;
3. Acknowledgement of discussion with your department chair/dean regarding your intent to apply, be considered for, a Distinguished Scholar Award.

4. Evidence of prior research published by a peer reviewed press or journal or evidence of prior exhibits or performances in significant artistic venues.
5. Maximum of three pages describing the purpose and focus of the project, including methodology, timeline for completion, contribution to scholarship, fit with university mission and plans for sharing of information or artistic work resulting from the scholarly endeavor.
6. Priority consideration may be given to applicants who include a letter of support from outside of Anderson University verifying that the faculty member is under consideration for the publication, performance or public sharing of a scholarly or artistic product that is in the late stages of development.

Approval Process

The selection process will be competitive and decisions will be based on the following criteria:

1. Significance of the project in regard to its contribution to scholarship and creativity in the discipline;
2. Quality of the proposal as evidenced in the writing, thoughtfulness and thoroughness of the application;
3. Alignment of the project with university mission;
4. Dissemination of scholarly work in appropriate ways.

Responsibilities

Faculty members receiving a Distinguished Scholar Award accept the following conditions:

1. Submit a written report to their respective dean within 30 days after the beginning of the semester following their sabbatical and/or Distinguished Scholar leave.
2. Share their project with faculty through an appropriate venue.
3. Acknowledge the support of Anderson University and the Lilly Endowment in whatever form is appropriate to the publication, exhibition or performance venue.
4. Continue with Anderson University for a period of at least four semesters following the scholarly leave. In the event the faculty member chooses not to remain with the university for such a period, that faculty member will reimburse the university a proportionate sum of the resources used to fund the faculty member's release time. This means, if the person leaves immediately after the release time, 100% of the support must be repaid; if after one semester of teaching, 75% of the support must be repaid; if after 2 semesters of teaching, 50% must be repaid; if after 3 semesters, 25% must be repaid.