

CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE 2024-2026 MORRIS ENDOWED CHAIR EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Established in 2011, the Morris Endowed Chair provides funds for individuals who are performing in the top echelons in their disciplines or professional fields to assist the Eastern Michigan University (EMU) College of Education in achieving its vision of playing a leadership role in transforming education.

Proposals must address the goals of the Morris Chair which are to facilitate learning and experiences that support the EMU faculty, staff and students in developing leadership skills and the knowledge, research, and capacity needed to enhance and/or transform education. Particular value is placed upon proposals that reflect a broad understanding and definition of education; seek to enhance excellence in education; play a transformative role in education; and offer diverse, experiential learning experiences to members of the EMU community. It must advance the strategic mission of the College of Education to inspire, educate, and prepare professionals to be outstanding educators, leaders, and scholars in urban, global, and diverse educational and community settings.

HISTORY OF MICHAEL MORRIS AND THE ENDOWMENT

Michael G. Morris graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor's degree and master's degree in biology and he served as an ROTC brigade commander during his graduate school years. Morris also earned a law degree from the Detroit College of Law and is a member of the Michigan Bar Association. This two-time graduate of EMU also served on the EMU Board of Regents from 1997-2004 and 2011-2018.

Morris retired from American Electric Power (AEP), one of the nation's largest generators of electricity, after serving as AEP's chairman, president and chief executive officer. To honor Morris, the American Electric Power Foundation donated funds to EMU in 2011 to establish an endowed chair within the College of Education.

Before joining AEP, Morris was chairman, president and CEO of Northeast Utilities System from 1997 to 2003. Prior to that, he was president and CEO of Consumers Energy, a principal subsidiary of CMS Energy, and president of CMS Marketing, Services and Trading.



Michael G. Morris

AWARD DESCRIPTION

The Morris Chair is a two-year appointment that includes:

- \$50,000 annual project fund for two years
- \$5,000 summer stipend for planning in the first fiscal year
- \$5,000 for dissemination event in the final year of award
- \$5,000 proposal writing stipend to seek external funding to continue project, at the discretion of the Office of the Dean, available in the summer between academic years or in the summer immediately following the award
- Three-credit hour course release per year to support work on the project.

PROGRAM DURATION, RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT, and REPORTING EXPECTATIONS

- The Morris Endowed Chair is a 24-month appointment, on cycle with the University's fiscal year (July 1 – June 30).
- An approved budget must include plans for annual expenses to be completed by June 10 of each year.
- The Chair must be resident on campus for the entirety of the appointment period.
- The Chair is expected to meet bi-monthly with the Office of the Dean and share updates on their progress.
- The Chair is expected to provide annual updates at a COE college-wide meeting.
- A final report is expected by September 1 after the conclusion of the appointment.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicants must be tenure-track faculty in COE.
2. Applicants may have a Co-Chair. If the Co-Chair applicant is external to EMU, they must agree to the EMU [standard vendor agreement and statement of work](#).
3. Applicants must not have received the Morris Chair within the last 5 years.
4. Applicants who are currently the John W. Porter Endowed Chair in the COE are ineligible.
5. All applicants must be eligible to work in the United States. External co-chairs must be eligible to work in the U.S. without Eastern Michigan University's sponsorship; faculty already sponsored by EMU are eligible.

REVIEW CRITERIA

A successful proposal will:

- Demonstrate clear alignment with the [strategic mission](#) and/or emergent vision of the College of Education.
- Address the specific goals of the Morris Chair.
- Actively and creatively engage the EMU community, and in particular COE students, in one or more of the following activities: research projects, publication of journal articles, service work, workshops, and conference presentations.

PROPOSAL AND SELECTION TIMELINE

February 19, 2024	Call for proposals sent out
March 12, 2024	Proposals due to the COE Office of the Dean by 5:00 p.m. EST
April 22, 2024	Announcement of recipient
July 1, 2024	Morris Chair appointment begins

PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

Formatting

- APA format style
- Double spacing for narrative sections. Single spacing is acceptable for forms and charts.
- Maximum Length: 20 pages, exclusive of appendices

Content Specifications

All proposals will include the following content:

- Cover page
 - The project title
 - Name, institutional affiliation, contact information for the Morris Chair faculty applicant
 - Name, institutional affiliation, contact information for the Co-Chair (if applicable)
- Abstract (< 300 words)
- Overview of the proposed project and the experiences of applicant(s) relevant to this project.
- Anticipated outcomes of the project
- Specifics of project activities
- Timeline of the project
- Measurable metrics that will be gathered to show accomplishment of project objectives
- Plan for dissemination of project results
- [Budget Form*](#) (request up to \$50,000, annually for two years).
- Appendices
 - Curriculum Vita for Chair and Co-Chair (as appropriate)
 - Biographical sketches for planned/anticipated collaborators or speakers
 - Letters of Support from:
 - Department Head(s) (If Co-chair is external to COE, please include letter of support from direct supervisor/Dean.)
 - Collaborators (as appropriate)

**Note: Budget and expenses must abide by all EMU budget and finance policies and COE procedures. Project budget must be approved by the COE Office of the Dean prior to any expenditure of funds. Any changes in budget allocations must be approved by the COE Office of the Dean in writing prior to expenses being incurred.*

Submission Instructions

Please submit completed applications as a single document or pdf to the COE Associate Dean for Faculty and Community, Dr. Carmen McCallum no later than March 12, 2024 at 11:59p.m. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

EMU NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of Eastern Michigan University, in recognition of the essential rights of all employees and applicants as individuals, to recruit and hire in all job classifications without regard to race, color, religion, creed, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, veterans status or physical or mental disability as provided for and to the extent required by state and federal statutes. Further, it is the policy of the University to take affirmative action to ensure that all personnel actions such as rate of compensation, promotion, retirement, transfers, fringe benefits, layoffs, return from layoff, University training programs, social and recreational programs are administered without regard to race, color, religion, creed, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, veterans status, Vietnam-era veterans status, non-relevant mental or physical disability or other protected status, as provided for and to the extent required by state and federal statutes. Finally, it is the policy of the University to recruit, hire and take other personnel actions in all job classifications without regard to sexual orientation, gender identity or expression. (EMU Board Policies 03.01.02, 03.01.03 and 03.01.08).

To read more about the Morris Chair visit: www.emich.edu/coe/morrischair