

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE 2021 MORRIS ENDOWED CHAIR EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY-COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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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. Typically these people are outstanding COE or EMU faculty members, visiting faculty, or other leaders outside the university.

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

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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.



**Michael G. Morris**

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.

### AVAILABLE FUNDS

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The Morris Chair carries a \$50,000 award.

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## PROGRAM DURATION

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Recipients of the Morris Endowed Chair receive an 8 month appointment. The appointment begins on January 1, 2021 and ends on August 1, 2021 at which time all activities and expenditures must be completed. The Chair must be resident on campus for some or all of the appointment period.

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## PROGRAM PROPOSALS

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Applications are due no later than 5 PM on Friday October 16, 2020.

### Eligibility

1. Applicants may come from academia, business, industry, government, or other related agencies and/or organizations. Strong preference is given to individuals holding a terminal degree (i.e., Ph.D., Ed.D.). If the Chair applicant is external to EMU, they must identify the expected time frame (days/weeks) that the chair will be present on the campus of Eastern Michigan University.
2. The individual named as the Morris Endowed Chair must have transformative, visionary ideas and a history of success in these areas.
3. The proposal must demonstrate clear alignment with the strategic mission of the College of Education and the specific goals of the Morris Chair.
4. The proposed project must 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.
5. Eastern Michigan University faculty members are eligible to serve as project coordinators. If a coordinator is included, the application must clearly identify the individual who will serve as the project coordinator and the individual who will be the Morris Chair.
6. All applicants must be eligible to work in the United States without Eastern Michigan University's sponsorship.

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## TIMELINE

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The Morris Chair appointment is from January 15, 2021 to August 1, 2021.

<b>2020</b>	
September 3	Call for proposals
October 16	Proposals due to the COE Dean by 5:00 p.m. EST
December 15	Announcement of recipients
<b>2021</b>	
January 1	Morris Chair appointment begins
Monthly January 2021 - July 2021	Morris Chair and Coordinator (if there is one) update the dean on the activities related to the project
August 1	Morris Chair appointment and all spending ends
September 1	Final report due to Dean of COE

To read more about the Morris Chair visit: [www.emich.edu/coe/morrischair](http://www.emich.edu/coe/morrischair)

## PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

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### 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.

1. Cover page
  - a. The project title
  - b. Name, institutional affiliation, contact information for the Morris Chair applicant
  - c. Name, institutional affiliation, contact information for the Project Coordinator (if applicable)
2. Abstract
3. Overview of the proposed project and the experiences of applicants (chair and coordinator if used) relevant to this project. Include the purpose of any external speakers if they are part of this proposal.
4. Anticipated outcomes of the project
5. Measurable metrics gathered to show accomplishment of project objectives
6. Timeline
7. Specifics of project activities
8. Plan for dissemination of project results
9. Budget (request up to \$50,000) The Morris Chair must spend the funds in the categories and amounts submitted unless changes to the budget are approved by the Dean prior to the differing expenditures.
  - a. Personnel costs<sup>1</sup> (Chair, Coordinator, graduate assistants, hourly student or other workers...)
  - b. Costs associated with external speakers or collaborators, if there are any (honorarium, travel, lodging, per diem, other related expenses)
  - c. Chair and coordinator travel<sup>1</sup> (and to what conference)
  - d. Materials and supplies (operational and dissemination costs)
  - e. Funds from this award may not be used for equipment purchases nor for paying EMU faculty for activities that are part of their normal workload.
10. Appendices
  - a. Curriculum Vita for Chair and coordinator (if one is being requested)
  - b. Biographical sketches for each collaborator or speaker
  - c. Letters of Support from:
    - Named Chair and Project Coordinator's Department or Unit Chair
    - Named Chair and Project Coordinator's College Dean (only if chair and/or coordinator applicants are not part of the COE at EMU)

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<sup>1</sup> The Morris Chair, and if used, the project coordinator, can support their work with release time (at the PTL replacement cost) and travel for conference presentations related to the proposed project.

- Collaborators (if collaborators are part of the proposal)

### **Submission Specifications**

- Applications are submitted electronically as a single file in pdf or Word format no later than 5:00 PM on Friday October 16, 2020.
- Applications are sent to:
  - Eastern Michigan University
  - College of Education
  - Dr. Mike Sayler, Dean
  - 310 Porter Building
  - Ypsilanti, MI 48197
  
  - [msayler@emich.edu](mailto:msayler@emich.edu)
  - 734.487.1414
- Incomplete or late applications are not accepted.

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### **EMU NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY STATEMENT**

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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 3.1.2, 3.1.3 and 3.1.8).