

Call For Proposals For The 2024 John W. Porter Endowed Chair Eastern Michigan University College Of Education

Established in 1999, the John W. Porter Distinguished Chair in Urban Education is named in honor of John W. Porter, former EMU President and State Superintendent of Public Instruction for Michigan. It is the first endowed chair in the College of Education. The Chair is designed to actively expand the University's role in urban school districts in Michigan, with an emphasis on school-community partnerships.

Proposals must address the goals of the Porter Chair which are to actively expand the University's role in urban school districts (in Michigan), to enhance excellence in urban education, to promote school-community partnerships, and to offer diverse, experiential learning experiences to members of the EMU community. The work must align with the College's strategic beliefs, advance the strategic plans, and support the mission of the College of Education and the specific goals of the Porter Chair listed above.

HISTORY OF JOHN W. PORTER AND ENDOWMENT

John W. Porter served as EMU's 17th president from 1979-89. During the decade of his presidency EMU saw record enrollment growth, strengthening of academics, the establishment of the College of Technology, the College of Business move to downtown Ypsilanti, and the construction of the Olds Student Recreation Center. During this time the University's first doctorate, in educational leadership, was authorized. The John W. Porter College of Education Building at EMU is named for Porter as tribute to his contributions to EMU.



John W. Porter

Porter served as state superintendent of public instruction for Michigan's schools. At age 38, he was the youngest chief state school officer in the nation and also the first African American to serve as a state's head of schools. After leaving Eastern, Porter served for two years as superintendent of the Detroit Public Schools.

U.S. Presidents Johnson, Nixon, Ford, Carter and Clinton all appointed Porter to commissions and councils addressing higher education, employment, and mental health.

Porter was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on Aug. 13, 1931. He received his undergraduate degree from Albion College, where he played varsity basketball and was selected the most valuable player in Albion's conference. He earned a master's degree in Counseling and Guidance and a doctorate in Higher Education Administration from Michigan State University.

The Porter Chair is funded primarily through grants from the C. S. Mott and the McGregor Foundations.

AVAILABLE FUNDS

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

PROGRAM DURATION

Recipients of the Porter Endowed Chair receive a 12 month appointment. The appointment begins on July 1 2023 and ends on June 30, 2024 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.

PROGRAM PROPOSALS

Goals

1. Actively expand the University's role in urban school districts (in Michigan)
2. Enhance excellence in urban education
3. Promote school---community partnerships
4. Offer diverse, experiential learning experiences to members of the EMU community.

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 proposal must demonstrate clear alignment with the [strategic mission of the College of Education](#) and the specific goals of the Porter Chair.
3. 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. All student projects must be overseen by the Porter Chair and/or the project coordinator. Descriptions of these projects should be included in the proposal.
4. 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 Porter Chair.
5. All applicants must be eligible to work in the United States without Eastern Michigan University's sponsorship.

TIMELINE

January 16, 2023	Call for proposals released
March 6, 2023	Proposals due to the COE Dean by 5:00 p.m. EST
April 21, 2023	Announcement of Porter Chair
July 1, 2023	Porter Chair appointment begins
Monthly, July 2023-June 2024	Chair and Coordinator (if there is one) update the dean on the activities related to the project
June 15, 2024	Porter Chair appointment and all spending ends

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. An online version of the application is available also on the Porter Chair page.

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 Porter Chair must spend the funds allocated in the categories and amounts submitted unless changes to the budget are approved by the Dean prior to the differing expenditures.
 - a. Personnel costs¹ (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 travel¹ (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 (if being requested)
 - c. Letters of Support from:
 - Named Chair and Project Coordinator's Department or Unit Chair

¹ The Porter 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.

- Named Chair and Project Coordinator's College Dean (only if chair and/or coordinator applicants are not part of the COE at EMU)
- Collaborators (if collaborators are part of the proposal)

Submission Specifications

- Please go to the link below to apply:

<https://www.emich.edu/coe/about/endowed-chairs/porter-chair-proposal-form.php>

- Incomplete or late applications are not 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 3.1.2, 3.1.3 and 3.1.8).

To read more about the Porter Chair visit: www.emich.edu/coe/porterchair