

SELECTION GUIDELINES

ELIZABETH GAINES MANN PROFESSORSHIP OF MATHEMATICS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

In 1998 Elizabeth Gaines Mann established an endowed fund through the University of North Alabama Foundation. This Fellowship honors outstanding teachers and scholars in the mathematics department. The purpose of the professorship is to “provide support for an outstanding teacher and scholar” in the mathematics department. Mrs. Mann, a retired teacher of secondary mathematics, established this professorship in recognition of both the enduring benefits of a good education and the profound impact a flourishing mathematics program can have on the constituency it serves.

BACKGROUND:

Mrs. Mann was a 1930’s graduate of Florence State Teachers College. She began FSTC at the age of 16 and graduated at 20. She met her husband while working in Aberdeen, MD., in the federal government Ballistic Research Department and aided in the directed firing of missiles during World War II. She was a mathematics student at UNA and taught high school in Parrish and Morgan counties for five years before moving to the Washington area. After the war, she moved with her husband to his native Texas. After several years at home, she went back to teaching high school mathematics in Richardson for another 25 years where she retired as the chair of the mathematics department.

OBJECTIVES:

- To provide support for current or new research
- To provide support for research in new or existing teaching activities
- To supplement faculty salary if funds are available

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Full-time faculty member in mathematics
- Any age or rank
- Tenured or untenured

APPLICATION GUIDELINES:

1. Faculty who plan to apply for the EGM Professorship must send an email to the department chair stating their intent to apply by **December 1**.
2. A selection committee of (3) tenured or tenure-track faculty members will be formed by the department chair no later than **January 25**. The department chair will appoint a chair for the committee.
3. Application materials must be sent electronically to the chair of the selection committee by **February 1**. The selection committee chair will distribute application materials to the remainder of the selection committee.
4. The applicants will give a 10-minute presentation to the committee describing their research plan by **February 8**.
5. The committee will recommend one or two recipients for the professorship no later than **February 15**.
6. The recipient(s) will hold the position for a period of (one) academic year beginning in the fall. Funds are available at the beginning of the fall term. Funds not spent by the end of the period can be rolled into the next year by request to and approval of the selection committee. An interim report must be filed with the committee at the time of the request. The amount of the professorship will vary from year to year depending on the financial returns from the corpus.
7. The department chair will send the recommendation to the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, which will be forwarded to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost. The committee's recommendation, if it is concurred by the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, should be sent to the President within one week of being received by the VPAA and Provost's office. The President should make the offer of the professorship, if the recommendation is approved. If not, the committee will be asked to recommend another candidate.
8. If the selected candidate is unable to accept the professorship, another candidate will have the opportunity to apply and/or accept the award.
9. A successful candidate cannot receive the award for two academic years in a row.

ASSESSMENT:

The successful applicant will:

- Provide a written report to the Selection Committee and the Chair of the Department of Mathematics no later than October 1 after completion of the project. This report should include the positive outcomes of the work, e.g. presentation at a professional meeting, public presentation of work, publication of results, development of new teaching activities, or innovative ways of using the outcomes of the professorship.
- Provide an oral report to the Department of Mathematics at a faculty meeting during the fall semester.

APPLICATION
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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Rank: _____

Degrees Completed and Dates: _____

Campus Address: _____ Office Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

TEACHING SPECIALTIES FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS: _____

ACADEMIC RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES FOR PAST FIVE YEARS
(attach additional page if necessary):

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

In no more than two (2) typed pages describe the purpose of the project for which you are applying to be the Elizabeth Gaines Mann Professor of Mathematics. You may include but you are not limited to:

- Research on a new or current topic
- Field work in the USA or abroad
- Development of new technological proficiencies to use in research or teaching
- Attendance at professional workshops or conferences in order to stay current in your teaching and research interests
- Purchase of materials essential to your project
- Travel expenses for presentation of scholarly work at professional meetings or to the community through lectures and seminars

Return this application and statement of purpose to the Chair of the Selection Committee no later than the February 1.