Call for McCausland Faculty Fellow Nominees

In 2013, the McCausland Faculty Fellows Program was established as part of a $10 million endowment from USC alumnus Peter McCausland ('71). Together with his wife, Bonnie, McCausland—chairman and chief executive officer of the Pennsylvania-based company Airgas, Inc.—sought to cultivate and retain faculty scholars who are simultaneously leaders in their academic fields and committed, creative teachers. The fellowships are thus designed to reward junior faculty members in the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) for their combined excellence in teaching and research.

Eligibility: Tenure-track faculty members in the CAS who have successfully completed the third-year review process and are within 10 years of earning their doctoral degrees are eligible. Faculty members who are more than 10 years away from earning their doctoral degrees are ineligible.

Nomination process:
CAS department chairs/school directors may each nominate one eligible tenure-track/tenured faculty member from their respective departments or schools during each fellowship cycle. Each chair/director should submit: 1) a letter of recommendation from the chair/director; 2) a second letter of recommendation from a colleague of the nominee attesting to the nominee’s qualifications for the fellowship; 3) an up-to-date curriculum vita for the nominee; 4) a teaching summary for the nominee; and 5) a statement (1-2 pages) from the nominee summarizing his/her research agenda, describing his/her teaching philosophy, and identifying how he/she intends to promote teaching excellence. Nominations must be submitted to casdean@mailbox.sc.edu.

Nomination deadline: January 28, 2019

Expectations:
- Each fellowship begins with the academic year (August 16) and has a term of three years. A fellowship may be renewed one time, subject to eligibility (within 10 years of doctoral degree) and available funding.
- Each fellowship provides both a $5,000 salary supplement and a $5,000 research fund each academic year of the three-year term. The research fund cannot be used to provide compensation to the faculty and cannot be used for course buyout. The funds do not carry-over and cannot be extended.
- Fellowship recipients must continue to fulfill normal expectations of teaching effectiveness, professional development, research and scholarship, and departmental and university service during the duration of the fellowship.

Procedure for Evaluation:
The associate deans will comprise the selection committee, chaired by Dean Ford, to which they will appoint two recent McCausland Fellows: one faculty member from the natural sciences and the other faculty member representing the arts, humanities, and social sciences. Members of the selection committee will each serve a three-year term.

Criteria for evaluation
Fellowship selection is a highly competitive process based on merit. Fellows will be chosen based on the extent to which the requested nomination materials demonstrate the expected combination of scholarly and pedagogical excellence.