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# FARRIS FAMILY INNOVATION AWARDS

## *Research Fellowships for Tenure-Track (not yet tenured) Faculty*

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Thanks to the generosity of the Farris family, strong supporters of the University, the Kent State University Foundation maintains an endowment to support the research of tenure-track faculty members who are not yet tenured. That endowment creates annual income sufficient to support several Farris Family Fellowships. Because the term of the fellowship is three (3) years, or until a determination on tenure for the Fellow is complete, the University usually has the opportunity to appoint members of the faculty as Farris Family Fellows each year and we are in a position to award two (2) Farris Family Fellowship for academic year 2024-2025.

This research fellowship offers a maximum of \$8,000 for the three-year award, for a potential total of \$24,000 over the term of the Fellowship. These funds must be applied to the Fellow's research and may support equipment, materials, travel (if permitted) and other approved costs directly associated with the research. Although a faculty member's appointment as a Fellow may be considered by a department in the allocation of reassigned time for research, the award cannot be used to purchase the awardee's time, whether by buying out workload hours during the academic year or by directly paying for a summer, intersession, or overload assignment.

The University now seeks to appoint two (2) Farris Family Fellows for academic years 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27 and invites applications from tenure-track (not yet tenured) faculty members. The format of the application is simple. In an e-mail of 1000 words or less to [Kevin West](mailto:Kevin.West@kent.edu), Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs ([FacultyAffairs@kent.edu](mailto:FacultyAffairs@kent.edu)) you should respond to the following questions:

- What is the title and nature of the research you seek to support through this fellowship? How will your research contribute to your scholarly productivity?
- What is your research plan? What are you attempting to accomplish, and how will you know that you have accomplished it? How much time will the research require? At what stage is this research? How much have you accomplished to date? How much more time is required?
- Have you submitted your research plan for review by the University's Office of Research and Sponsored Programs or a funding agency? Have you sought any other support? Have you received any other support?
- In what ways would the Farris Family Fellowship support your research? If you have received other support, would this fellowship provide a margin critical to your success?
- Is there other information the review committee should consider?

Applicants are encouraged to have their proposals reviewed by a senior faculty member, mentor or academic administrator prior to submission. The applications will be screened by the University Research Council (URC). Please ensure the proposal can be easily understood by faculty members who are not in your discipline. Based on URC's recommendations, President Diacon will make the final awards. Recipients of this fellowship must accept an obligation to report annually on fellowship activity and results. This annual report must be sent to [the Office of Faculty Affairs](#) who will share it with the Provost, the President and the Farris family. The Fellow should provide a copy of the report to the Department Chair/School Director, College Dean and Regional Campus Dean, as applicable.

The deadline for this year's applications is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 26, 2024 (LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED). Recipients will be named sometime in May 2024 with funding available for use during the 2024-2025 academic year.

- For Tenure-Track (not yet tenured) Faculty
- Submission Deadline: Jan. 26, 2024 @ 5:00 pm
- Late submissions will not be accepted
- Award amount per year: \$8,000/3 years
- Potential total award: \$24,000