

Announcement and Call for Nominations Jeffers W. Chertok Memorial Endowed Professorship

The EWU Foundation and the College of College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences invite nominations and applications for a faculty appointment as the Jeffers W. Chertok Memorial Endowed Professorship.

Purpose of the Professorship: This professorship was created to honor the life of Dr. Jeffers W. Chertok who worked at EWU for over 34 years and left a legacy of scholarship, generosity, and genuine care at the university and beyond. The professorship was established through generous donations from private donors including Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Carper and through a match from the State of Washington. The professorship is established for the following purposes:

This professorship will be focused on classic social science theory with emphasis on the origins of thought. To the extent that current or emerging theory is introduced, it should be within the context of analysis from the perspective of the masters. Materials should focus on great thinkers such as Marx, Smith, Plato, Newton, Locke, Hume and others. The focus of this work should be to determine and understand where ideas and beliefs come from and why.

The person selected for this professorship will serve as the Jeffers Chertok Professor for the period from September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2025 and will be eligible to reapply for future appointments. Funds will be made available annually to support the Chertok Professor. In consultation with and at the discretion of the Dean of the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, support can include salary additional to the academic base salary of the individual and funds may also be used to support other specific research or travel costs of related research activities.

Eligibility: Nominations or applications for this endowed professorship are open to any full-time Tenured Faculty, Tenure-Track Faculty, Senior Lecturer, or Lecturer currently employed by EWU. Nominations and applications are accepted from all colleges and disciplines and, consistent with EWU's commitment to diversity and inclusion, nominations and applications from historically underrepresented faculty are encouraged. Nominations of others and self-applications will be accepted.

Obligations: The individual selected to serve as the Chertok Professor will be responsible to provide updates and reports to the Dean of the College of College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences as required. The selected individual will also be responsible to provide to the EWU communities at least one lecture per year that provides insight into the teaching, research, or creative activity that has been enhanced or produced through this Professorship. Additionally, the Chertok Professor will represent the university, the foundation, and/or the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences at various events throughout the period of appointment.

Application: Nominations or applications for the Chertok Professorship must be received by 5:00pm, June 15, 2023. Any nomination or application must include the following:

1. A cover sheet that lists nominee or applicant information including, full name, academic rank, academic college and department, university email address, and a preferred contact phone number.
2. A response, not to exceed two pages, to the purpose of the professorship that includes a discussion of how the nominee or applicant has or is currently working in the broad area of ideas, beliefs, and their origins.
3. An explanation, not to exceed two pages, of the current teaching, research, or creative program of the nominee or applicant that includes a discussion of how that teaching, research, or creative agenda would be advanced through this professorship.
4. An explanation, not to exceed two pages, of how student learning and student success would be advanced through the awarding of this professorship to the nominee or applicant specifically including how student-faculty research might be incorporated.
5. If the nomination is not a self-application, a letter of acknowledgement, not to exceed one page, from the nominee is required indicating their willingness to serve as the Jeffers Chertok Professor for the specified period.
6. An abbreviated current CV that covers at least the most recent three-year period.
7. One letter of support or nomination from the department chair of the department in which the faculty member has primary teaching, research, and/or creative works responsibility and with emphasis on the research or creative agenda of the nominee or applicant as it relates to the goal of the professorship.
8. One letter of support or nomination from an additional internal or external individual with knowledge of the research or creative agenda of the nominee or applicant as it relates to the goal of the professorship.

Applications must be submitted via the online application portal no later than 5:00pm on Thursday, June 15, 2023.