



## *Office of the President*

### **The 2021 Wilma and Roswell Messing, Jr., Faculty Award**

Webster University is proud to be the home of the Wilma and Roswell Messing, Jr., Faculty Award. Established in 1977, the Messing Faculty Award is presented to a full-time faculty member for summer activity which will strengthen the curriculum of his/her department or improve the teaching/learning relationship. The award, in the amount of \$4,500, typically funds international travel and other expenses related to the Summer activity. Due to COVID-19, applicants for Summer 2021 activity may propose projects with international components that do not require international travel (e.g. projects that leverage technology to enhance global components of curriculum).

#### **Eligibility**

- Permanent, full-time Webster University faculty member
- Faculty in probationary period are encouraged
- Faculty completing or beginning a year of sabbatical or faculty development leave are not eligible

#### **Application Process**

- Submit a proposal including:
  - A description of the project, including the international component
  - A proposed timeline and itinerary for the project
  - Projected outcomes of the project
  - A detailed budget
- Proposals advancing the mission, vision, and values of Webster University are strongly encouraged
- The following will not be considered: Proposals for individual creative activity; proposals for funding of work toward an advanced degree or for the completion of a doctoral dissertation
- Submit proposals electronically to the Messing Award Selection Committee at [presidentschuster@webster.edu](mailto:presidentschuster@webster.edu) by Monday, November 16, 2020. You will receive an e-mail confirmation of your submission.

#### **Application Deadline**

- Monday, November 16, 2020, 5:00 p.m.

#### **Selection Process**

- The Messing Award Committee will review proposals and recommend the project demonstrating the greatest promise of strengthening the curriculum of the faculty member's department or improving the teaching/learning relationship

#### **Award Notification**

- The Messing Award recipient will be notified and announced in January 2021

#### **Award Recipient Responsibilities**

- Submit a written report of his/her summer activity by September 30 following the summer of the project
- Participate, to the extent possible, in activities related to the promotion of the Messing Award (e.g., serve on "award recipient panels", speak with future applicants seeking information on the award)

#### **More Information**

- Applicants are encouraged to speak to their chair, dean, and/or previous recipients for more information
- Questions: Contact Rhonda Lingard, Coordinator in the Office of Academic Affairs at 314-246-7676.