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Dear Colleague:

I am pleased to announce the selection process for the Fenwick Fellow(s), academic year 2020-2021. Attached is a copy of the program's guidelines. Please note that only tenured, tenure-track, and term (multi-year appointment) faculty at George Mason University are eligible and encouraged to submit proposals. It is advised that previous Fenwick Fellow awardees do not submit proposals.

The Fenwick Fellowship is awarded annually to a Mason faculty member to pursue a research project that uses and enhances the University Libraries' resources while advancing knowledge in his or her field. *Up to TWO Fellowships of \$5,000 each may be awarded each academic year.* The program guidelines include funding for an additional fellowship for a project proposal that specifically aligns with the Libraries' ever-increasing initiatives in the area of digital scholarship (e.g., digital humanities, data-focused research, development of digital content and curation). As always, the selection committee will be especially interested in research projects that make substantial use of the Libraries' resources and services.

In all cases, the awarded funds are to be designated towards the acquisition of library research materials and/or digital infrastructure and tools that may be needed for the Fellow's research project, as well as for associated research costs (e.g., research assistant support, survey costs, defrayal of conference costs when specifically required for the Fellow's research project, and other related incidental costs). In addition, the Fellow is given use of a technology-equipped office in Fenwick Library for the term of the Fellowship (August 24, 2020 – August 6, 2021).

The deadline for applications is Monday, May 11, 2020. We plan to announce the 2020-2021 AY Fenwick Fellow(s) at the start of the Fall 2020 semester. For additional information, please contact Debra Hogan, Executive Specialist to the Dean of Libraries and University Librarian, at: 703-993-2491 or <dhogan1@gmu.edu>.

I would appreciate your assistance in sharing this information with faculty in your school/college, department, and/or program.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John G. Zenelis". The signature is fluid and cursive.

John G. Zenelis
Dean of Libraries and University Librarian

Enclosure: Program Guidelines 2020-21

cc: S. David Wu, Provost and Executive Vice President
Deborah Crawford, Vice President for Research, Innovation, and Economic Impact
Shannon Davis, Chair, Faculty Senate