

CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE 2024-2025 JOHN W. PORTER ENDOWED CHAIR EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Established in 1999, the John W. Porter Distinguished Chair in Urban Education is named in honor of John W. Porter, former EMU President and State Superintendent of Public Instruction for Michigan. It is the first endowed chair in the College of Education. The Chair is designed to actively expand the University's role in urban school districts in Michigan, with an emphasis on school-community partnerships.

Proposals must address the goals of the Porter Chair which are to actively expand the University's role in urban school districts (in Michigan), to enhance excellence in urban education, to promote school-community partnerships, and to offer diverse, experiential learning experiences to members of the EMU community. The work must align with the College's strategic beliefs, advance the strategic plans, and support the mission of the College of Education and the specific goals of the Porter Chair listed above.

HISTORY OF JOHN W. PORTER AND ENDOWMENT

John W. Porter served as EMU's 17th president from 1979-89. During the decade of his presidency EMU saw record enrollment growth, strengthening of academics, the establishment of the College of Technology, the College of Business move to downtown Ypsilanti, and the construction of the Olds Student Recreation Center. During this time the University's first doctorate, in educational leadership, was authorized. The John W. Porter College of Education Building at EMU is named for Porter as tribute to his contributions to EMU.



John W. Porter

Porter served as state superintendent of public instruction for Michigan's schools. At age 38, he was the youngest chief state school officer in the nation and also the first African American to serve as a state's head of schools. After leaving Eastern, Porter served for two years as superintendent of the Detroit Public Schools.

U.S. Presidents Johnson, Nixon, Ford, Carter and Clinton all appointed Porter to commissions and councils addressing higher education, employment, and mental health.

Porter was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on Aug. 13, 1931. He received his undergraduate degree from Albion College, where he played varsity basketball and was selected the most valuable player in Albion's conference. He earned a master's degree in Counseling and Guidance and a doctorate in Higher Education Administration from Michigan State University.

The Porter Chair endowment was funded primarily through grants from the C. S. Mott and the McGregor Foundations.

AWARD DESCRIPTION

The Porter Chair is a one-year appointment that includes:

- \$50,000 project fund
- \$5,000 summer stipend for planning in July/August 2024
- \$5,000 for dissemination event in 2025-2026 academic year
- \$5,000 proposal writing stipend to seek external funding to continue the project, at the discretion of the Office of the Dean, available in summer 2025.
- Three-credit hour course release to support work on the project in 2024-2025.

PROGRAM DURATION, RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT, and REPORTING EXPECTATIONS

- The Porter Endowed Chair is a 12-month appointment, on cycle with the University's fiscal year (July 1 – June 30).
- An approved budget must include plans for annual expenses to be completed by June 10 of each year.
- The Chair must be resident on campus for the entirety of the appointment period.
- The Chair is expected to meet bi-monthly with the Office of the Dean and share updates on their progress.
- The Chair is expected to provide annual updates at a COE college-wide meeting.
- A final report is expected by September 1 after the conclusion of the appointment.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicants must be tenure-track faculty in COE.
2. Applicants may have a Co-Chair. If the Co-Chair applicant is external to EMU, they must agree to the EMU [standard vendor agreement and statement of work](#).
3. Applicants must not have received the Porter Chair within the last 5 years.
4. Applicants who are currently the Michael Morris Endowed Chair in the COE are ineligible.
5. All applicants must be eligible to work in the United States. External co-chairs must be eligible to work in the U.S. without Eastern Michigan University's sponsorship; faculty members already sponsored by EMU are eligible.

REVIEW CRITERIA

A successful proposal will:

- Actively expand the University's role in urban school districts in Michigan
- Enhance excellence in urban education, and
- Promote school-community partnerships
- Describe a project that offers diverse, experiential learning experiences to members of the EMU community.
- Demonstrate clear alignment with the [strategic mission](#) of the College of Education, its emergent vision, and the specific goals of the Porter Chair.
- Actively and creatively engage the EMU community, and in particular COE students, in one or more of the following activities: research projects, publication of journal articles, service work, workshops, and conference presentations. All student projects must be overseen by the Porter Chair and/or the Co-Chair. Descriptions of these projects should be included in the proposal.

PROPOSAL AND SELECTION TIMELINE

February 19, 2024	Call for proposals sent out
March 12, 2024	Proposals due to the COE Office of the Dean by 5:00 p.m. EST
April 22, 2024	Announcement of recipient
July 1, 2024	Porter Chair appointment begins

PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

Formatting

- APA format style
- Double spacing for narrative sections. Single spacing is acceptable for forms and charts.
- Maximum Length: 20 pages, exclusive of appendices

Content Specifications

All proposals will include the following content:

- Cover page
 - The project title
 - Name, institutional affiliation, contact information for the Porter Chair faculty applicant
 - Name, institutional affiliation, contact information for the Co-Chair (if applicable)
- Abstract (< 300 words)
- Overview of the proposed project and the experiences of applicant(s) relevant to this project.
- Anticipated outcomes of the project
- Specifics of project activities
- Timeline of the project
- Measurable metrics that will be gathered to show accomplishment of project objectives
- Plan for dissemination of project results
- [Budget Form*](#) (request up to \$50,000).
- Appendices
 - Curriculum Vita for Chair and Co-Chair (as appropriate)
 - Biographical sketches for planned/anticipated collaborators or speakers
 - Letters of Support from:
 - Department Head(s) (If Co-chair is external to COE, please include letter of support from direct supervisor/Dean.)
 - Collaborators (as appropriate)

**Note: Budget and expenses must abide by all EMU budget and finance policies and COE procedures. Project budget must be approved by the COE Office of the Dean prior to any expenditure of funds. Any changes in budget allocations must be approved by the COE Office of the Dean in writing prior to expenses being incurred.*

Submission Instructions

Please submit completed applications as a single document or pdf to the COE Associate Dean for Faculty and Community, Dr. Carmen McCallum no later than March 12, 2024 at 11:59pm. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

EMU NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of Eastern Michigan University, in recognition of the essential rights of all employees and applicants as individuals, to recruit and hire in all job classifications without regard to race, color, religion, creed, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, veterans status or physical or mental disability as provided for and to the extent required by state and federal statutes.

Further, it is the policy of the University to take affirmative action to ensure that all personnel actions such as rate of compensation, promotion, retirement, transfers, fringe benefits, layoffs, return from layoff, University training programs, social and recreational programs are administered without regard to race, color, religion, creed, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, veterans status, Vietnam-era veterans status, non-relevant mental or physical disability or other protected status, as provided for and to the extent required by state and federal statutes. Finally, it is the policy of the University to recruit, hire and take other personnel actions in all job classifications without regard to sexual orientation, gender identity or expression. (EMU Board Policies 03.01.02, 03.01.03 and 03.01.08).

To read more about the Porter Chair visit: www.emich.edu/coe/porterchair