



College of Letters and Sciences Priority areas for sabbatical applications

1. Collaborative Projects with Other Institutions or Departments: Engage in interdisciplinary research or projects with other universities, industries, or community organizations. This promotes the goal of expanding collaboration and can lead to innovative approaches in research and teaching.
2. Development of High-Impact Educational Practices: Focus on creating or refining educational practices that significantly impact student learning and development. This could include service-learning projects, undergraduate research opportunities, or developing new pedagogical methods.
3. Wellness and Mental Health Initiatives: Research or develop programs aimed at improving mental health and overall well-being for students and staff. This supports the goal of cultivating a healthy workplace and learning environment.
4. Enhancement of College Resources Awareness: Develop tools or methods to increase student awareness of available resources. This could involve creating online platforms, workshops, or partnership programs that help students understand and utilize college resources more effectively.
5. Faculty and Staff Development Programs: Create or participate in initiatives aimed at professional growth for faculty and staff. This could include leadership training, teaching workshops, or research on best practices in higher education management.
6. Research on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI): Undertake studies or projects that focus on issues of equity, diversity, and inclusion within academia. This could involve exploring effective teaching methods for diverse student populations or examining the representation of underrepresented groups in specific fields.
7. Community Engagement and Service Learning: Engage in projects that connect the college with the wider community. This could involve setting up community-based research projects, service-learning courses, or public seminars and workshops.
8. Sustainability and Environmental Studies: Pursue research or projects focused on sustainability and environmental issues. This aligns with global concerns and can incorporate interdisciplinary approaches from various departments within the college.
9. Technological Advancements in Education: Explore using new technologies like AI to enhance teaching and learning. This could include researching the effectiveness of online learning tools, developing new educational software, or integrating technology into traditional classrooms.
10. Cultural Studies and Global Awareness: Conduct research or projects that promote understanding of different cultures and global issues. This could involve international collaborations, study abroad program development, or multicultural curriculum development.