

## FACULTY RESEARCH LEAVES

2021-22

### Research Assignment

Research assignment is a special category of study-research leave that is awarded to a tenured or continued-appointment academic faculty member for one semester of intensive study or research that increases the quality of the individual's professional stature and future contributions to the university. It may be taken in lieu of an ordinary yearlong study-research leave.

Full-time tenured faculty members with the rank of associate professor or higher, or holding continued appointment with the rank of assistant professor or higher, having accrued a minimum of six years of service, are eligible for research assignment leave. Following such a leave, an additional six years of full-time service is necessary before a faculty member may be considered for another research assignment. Requests may be submitted prior to completion of six years of service, but faculty members must have completed the sixth year before the leave period begins. Faculty members on calendar year appointments may take research assignment leave for up to six months.

**The following faculty members are requesting research assignments (full salary for one semester) for the purpose and period of time specified:**

### College of Engineering (1)

**Hou, Thomas**, professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering, spring semester 2022; to conduct intensive research on sponsored grant projects, move several journal articles forward, write a large grant proposal, and edit a book. (Virginia)

### College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences (1)

**Patton, Lydia**, professor, Philosophy, fall semester 2021; to prepare a grant proposal for submission, and work on developing research presented as papers into a book projects, and build research collaborations with colleagues at Boston University. (Massachusetts)

### College of Natural Resources and Environment (1)

**Kolivras, Korine**, professor, Geography, spring semester 2022; to build a curriculum path in medical geography, and to further research program on Lyme disease emergence by expanding my work on the impacts of land use/land cover on the disease to include social, behavioral, and demographic factors. (Virginia)

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above study-research and research assignment leaves be approved as requested.

June 8, 2021