Junior Faculty Research Quarter

University of Washington Tacoma assistant professors are expected to meet high standards in teaching, research, and service. To assist pre-tenure faculty members in producing high quality scholarly products in advance of their promotion and tenure review, UW Tacoma offers new assistant professors a quarter with no teaching obligations to support more intensive work on a research project.

Requirements

By University of Washington requirements, faculty must remain in residence on campus during the period of the award and must continue to meet their service obligations. Travel to meetings and conferences is permitted.

Timing

The research quarter is awarded at the time of appointment. It cannot be used prior to a successful reappointment review. It must be used before the conclusion of the fourth year of appointment. It may not be used after a promotion and tenure review has been initiated.

Reporting and Accountability

Unless the School elects to use another procedure, eligible faculty members may include a statement of their plan for the research quarter in their annual merit review documentation in the spring preceding the academic year of the award. In all cases, at the end of the academic year in which the leave occurs, the faculty member should document their progress during the research leave in the annual merit review documentation.

The award may be delayed if, at any time during the academic year of the scheduled leave, an investigation is occurring into the faculty member's conduct with respect to violating any University policies. The award will be cancelled if the faculty member is found to have violated any University policy.