

# Call for Nominations /Applications

## Ralph “Shug” Jordan Professor of Writing

### 2019-2022

The Office of the Provost invites nominations and applications for an endowed Professorship provided by AU Athletics in the name of Ralph “Shug” Jordan. The purpose of this award is to honor teaching excellence by an Auburn University faculty member who has demonstrated a commitment to student success through effective and innovative writing assignments and writing instruction integrated into the course content. The Professorship recognizes a tenured faculty member of any rank who has contributed to and focused on improving student writing in their discipline. The Professorship is for a three-year appointment and includes an annual salary supplement, which has historically been approximately \$12,000 each year.

### Eligibility

Any faculty member is eligible to apply, including Research or Extension Faculty with tenure, or Clinical or other NTT Faculty who have reached the level of Associate Professor or Senior Lecturer. Successful applicants will demonstrate that their appointment while at Auburn has included a significant percentage of teaching that includes undergraduates. Unusual situations will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the selection committee.

### Duties

The faculty member selected for this award is expected to continue his/her contribution to Auburn University’s Writing Initiative by providing leadership at the University level. The recipient of the award will:

1. Serve as the co-chair of the University Writing Committee (UWC);
2. Attend the International Writing Across the Curriculum conference (or other appropriate conferences) and prepare a report for the UWC highlighting sessions attended and share major ideas with the faculty at appropriate events (expenses to be paid by the Office of University Writing);
3. Participate in Office of University Writing events and projects (including contests, workshops, programs, etc.);
4. Promote writing in their home college by facilitating discussions at the departmental or college-wide level as appropriate;
5. Serve as a resource to faculty in other colleges as requested or appropriate;
6. Serve on the selection committee for subsequent Professorship;
7. Work closely with the Director of University Writing to contribute to Auburn University’s reputation for excellence in writing in the disciplines.

### Application Process

Submit the application packet as a single PDF file to Margaret Marshall, Director of University Writing, at [mjm0030@auburn.edu](mailto:mjm0030@auburn.edu). The nomination or application package consists of:

1. Letter of nomination or application clearly outlining the faculty member’s work to promote writing in the disciplines, relevant activities that have supported the writing initiative, and scholarship (including conferences or publications) related to teaching writing;

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2. A reflective statement on the importance of student writing in the faculty member’s own courses/career;
3. At least three letters of support, including letters from the department head/chair and dean. Testimonials from students are encouraged;
4. Samples of course materials and syllabi that demonstrate the importance of writing in the course(s);
5. Curriculum vitae.

The document should be named using the nominee’s last name first, first name, Jordan Professor of Writing.  
(ex: Doe\_John\_Jordan Professor of Writing)

**All application/nomination packets should be submitted on or before noon March 1, 2019. No applications/nominations will be accepted after the deadline.**

The selected candidate will be announced by April 30, 2019.