

The [Andrew W. Mellon Foundation](#) has awarded Lincoln University a \$500,000 grant to invest in its teaching pedagogy and humanities programs thanks to a proposal submitted by President Brenda A. Allen. The Mellon award is a three-year investment from the Mellon Foundation.

The grant comes off the heels of the University's new [Strategic Plan](#). The plan calls for a renewed focus on liberal arts and the development of strategic partnerships.

The purpose of the grant is to invest in the scholarly development of the arts and humanities faculty. Funds from the grant will allow Lincoln to offer summer faculty institutes where faculty members can dedicate an entire summer to research and academic writing for scholarly publications. Those participating will also have the option of hiring an undergraduate research assistant.

In addition to the summer faculty institutes, the [Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning](#) will offer two pedagogy workshops during the first two years of the grant. Resources from the grant will also be used for curriculum development. Curriculum workshops will be offered to each of the University's full-time tenured and tenure-track faculty members. During the workshops, faculty will review and revise all courses in their majors.

President Allen envisions that these new opportunities will lead to revised majors, an increase in students majoring in the arts and humanities, more active learning approaches, an increase in publications, and an increase in students pursuing graduate studies in the humanities.

Humanities faculty are encouraged to participate in a Mellon Grant Information session on Wednesday, November 20, 2019, at Noon or Tuesday, December 3, 2019, at 11 a.m. Grant applicants are highly encouraged to make appointments with either Dr. Deas or Mr. Roundtree to review their proposals and receive feedback prior to submission.

Grant Administrators

- Principal Investigator (PI): President Brenda A. Allen
- Assistant Principal Investigator: Dr. Mahpiua Deas
- Assistant Principal Investigator: Mr. Fred-Rick L. Roundtree
- Grant Budget Manager: Ms. Diane Brown

Grant Amount

- \$500,000

Grant Length

- Three years (2019-2022)

Faculty Participants per Year

- Ten

Grant Award Amount for each Faculty Participant

- \$7,500.00 for conducting research
- \$1,000.00 for travel
- \$3,500 for each student research assistant

Mellon Grant Selection Committee

- Dr. Mahpiua Deas
- Mr. Fred-Rick L. Roundtree
- Dr. Patricia A. Joseph
- Dr. James Gallagher
- Dr. Christine Limb

Other Grant Participants

- All faculty, especially humanities faculty, who will be invited to participate in the summer and year-round event(s)