

THE THOMAS W. RIVERS DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

COMPETITION FOR THE 2011-2012 POSITION

With generous support from the Rivers Fund and the Office of Academic Affairs, the Office of International Affairs is pleased to announce that competition for the 2011-2012 Thomas W. Rivers Distinguished Professorship in International Affairs (or “Rivers Chair”) is now open.

The Program. The purpose of the program is to promote the international vision of the late Mr. Thomas W. Rivers, an extraordinary friend and supporter of the University. With the assistance of his gift, the University seeks to attract to campus on an annual basis a distinguished scholar from overseas who will further ECU efforts to promote international understanding. The scholar will: teach one or two internationally-related courses per semester; serve as a guest lecturer in other courses (particularly those in the Master of Arts in International Studies program and in the undergraduate International Studies minor); interact with students and faculty in campus-wide forums organized by the Office of International Affairs in collaboration with his or her sponsoring department; participate in outreach programs into schools and organizations in eastern North Carolina; and deliver at least one public lecture per academic term.

The Requirements. The Rivers Chair will be an outstanding individual with a distinguished record as a teacher and scholar. He or she must have a degree appropriate to merit appointment to the ECU faculty as a Visiting Professor. The Chair must be a non-U.S. citizen, preferably coming from a position overseas, although non-U.S. citizens currently on temporary assignment at another U.S. institution may be considered. He or she will serve as a Distinguished Visiting Professor on a one-year, nonrenewable contract and will be a participant in the University’s “Exchange Visitor” (J visa) program.

The Benefits. The salary for the position will be approximately \$60,000 for the nine-month contract. In addition, and if desired, he or she will receive free housing in the University’s Shady Lane house (but will be taxed on the “fair market value” of the benefit); up to \$5,000 for travel, professional meeting costs, and research expenses; and free health insurance under the University’s International Student and Scholar Health Insurance Program. Additional benefits may be added by and at the discretion of the sponsoring unit (please see the next section).

Method of Application. The individual scholar does not apply directly for the position; rather, he or she must be nominated by an ECU academic department. Any academic department in the University can submit an application for support of a Rivers Chair. That application should consist of: a detailed *curriculum vitae* of the proposed Chair; three letters of professional reference; a two-to-five page outline indicating the program the department plans for the Chair and including a description of proposed campus-wide and outreach activities; and an indication from the candidate that, if offered the position, he or she is prepared to accept it for Academic Year 2011-2012 and will report to ECU by August 2011. Departments must also describe what they promise to provide the Chair in terms of office space, secretarial assistance, etc. While it is not a requirement, academic units that offer financial or other such support beyond that already provided will be considered more competitive. Departments making such offer should append

the details of that extra support to their applications. Applications should be signed by the head of the proposing department and by the dean of the College in which that department is located to indicate College endorsement.

Please note that, in an attempt to ensure that all departments have a fair chance of hosting a Rivers Chair, a department that hosts or has hosted a Rivers Professor is ineligible to apply for another Rivers Chair for at least three years after that Professor has left ECU.

Completed applications should be sent to the Rivers Chair Search Committee, International House, 306 East Ninth Street, Greenville, NC 27858. **Applications are due by March 15, 2011.** Screening will take place shortly thereafter, with the intent to identify the Chair by mid-April, 2011.

Questions about the Rivers Chair and method of application may be addressed to James N Gehlhar, PhD, Associate Vice Chancellor for International Affairs, International House, 306 East Ninth Street, Greenville, NC 27858 (telephone 252-328-1936, E-mail: gehlharj@ecu.edu).

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