

William & Patricia Goetter Endowed Professorship in Civics
Information
Awarded for September 1, 2025 – August 30, 2026

The EWU Foundation, the Office of the Provost, and the School of Education invite nominations and applications for a faculty appointment as the William & Patricia Goetter Endowed Professorship in Civics.

This professorship was established with an estate gift from William & Patricia Goetter in 2025. Dr. Goetter served 30 years as a professor of education at EWU, completing his tenure as Chair of the Department of Education. Upon his retirement in 2000, he was granted Emeritus status. A graduate of Whitman College, Patricia Smith Goetter worked as a reporter and columnist for the Spokane Valley Herald for many years, has served on numerous community and church boards, and has collaborated with her husband on writing articles and papers.

The professorship is established for the following purposes:

To partner with public schools in assisting boards of directors and education and political leaders in the community to transform public schools into learning environments that educate and nurture engaged and informed democratic citizens. Most K-12 public school faculties are technically competent but few are generalists with roots in democratic values that inspire our K-12 students to see our public schools as environments that focus on citizenship empowerment. Democratic values, as advocated by many professional teacher organizations, must be taught, learned and practiced, and embraced if a learning environment is to be credible. These values include devotion to human dignity and freedom to equal rights, to social and economic justice, to rule of law, to civility and truth, to tolerance of diversity, to mutual assistance, to personal and civic responsibility, and to self-restraint and self-respect. Additionally, the scope of this professorship shall engage and educate students in civics beyond K-12 public schools, including the EWU community, specifically current EWU students, faculty and staff.

The person selected for this professorship will serve as the William & Patricia Goetter Endowed Professor in Civics for the period from September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026 and may be appointed for two years (through August 31, 2027) if the selection committee unanimously agrees. The selected person will be eligible to reapply for future appointments. Funding of \$20,000 will be made available annually to support the Goetter Professor in Civics.

Uses and Purposes

- The overriding purpose of this professorship shall be to enhance the university's ability to attract, retain, and honor distinguished faculty.
- Funds can be used to support community outreach activities, civics research and research-related activities (i.e., travel, stipends for internships, etc.).

Eligibility

- Nominations or applications for this endowed professorship are open to any full-time Tenured Faculty, Tenure-Track Faculty, or Special Faculty currently employed by EWU.

- Nominations or applications are accepted from all colleges and disciplines and, consistent with EWU's commitment to diversity and inclusion, nominations and applications from historically underrepresented faculty are encouraged.
- Nominations of others and self-applications will be accepted.

Available Funds

- Available funding totaling \$20,000 annually will be shared with the faculty member selected for the position.

Approval Authority

- A committee made up of the School of Education, a representative of Department Chairs, a representative of the Provost, and a representative of the donor(s), if available, will oversee this selection process.

Application

- **Nominations or applications due by Friday, May 30, 2025.**
- Submit nominations or applications via the online application portal.
 - <https://www.ewu.edu/academicaffairs/faculty/>
 - Click on Grants & Endowments
 - Click on Application Process

Notes

- A report of the use of funds is due no later than Oct. 1st of the fiscal year following the end of appointment. This report will include:
 - Name
 - Purpose and background information of activities executed while in the Goetter Professor in Civics role
 - Results
- The faculty member selected for this endowed professorship may be asked to present to EWU leadership, such as the Board of Trustees, Executive Leadership Team, Expanded Academic Affairs Council, etc.

See application instructions on the next page.

William & Patricia Goetter Endowed Professorship in Civics Application Instructions

Section 1: Cover Sheet

- **Name:** List first and last name
- **Rank:** List faculty rank
- **Email:** List EWU email address
- **Phone Number:** List preferred contact phone number
- **Department/Program:** List Department and Program name
- **College:** Check corresponding college name

Section 2: Response to Purpose of Professorship

A response, not to exceed two pages, to the purpose of the professorship that includes a discussion of how the nominee or applicant has or is currently working in the broad area of ideas, beliefs, and their origins.

Section 3: Explanation of Current Activities

An explanation, not to exceed two pages of the current teaching, research, or creative program of the nominee or applicant that includes a discussion of how that teaching, research, or creative agenda would be advanced through this professorship.

Section 4: Explanation of Student, Faculty & Staff Learning and Success

An explanation, not to exceed two pages of how student, faculty & staff learning and success would be advanced through the awarding of this professorship to the nominee or applicant.

Section 5: Letter of Acknowledgment (if applicable)

If the nomination is not a self-application, a letter of acknowledgment, not to exceed one page, from the nominee is required indicating their willingness to serve as the William & Patricia Goetter Professor in Civics for the specified period.

Section 6: Curriculum Vita (CV)

An abbreviated current CV that covers at least the most recent three-year period.

Section 7: Letters of Support

- One letter of support or nomination from the department chair of the department in which the faculty member has primary teaching, research, and/or creative works responsibilities and with emphasis on the research and creative agenda of the nominee or applicant as it relates to the goal of the professorship.
- One letter of support or nomination from an additional internal or external individual with knowledge of the research or creative agenda of the nominee or applicant as it relates to the goal of the professorship.