

College of Arts and Sciences
Sabbatical Recovery Program
Fall, 2020

This program is intended to provide additional research time to core College assistant and associate professors whose spring 2020 sabbatical was disrupted by the pandemic. Reasons for the disruption could include (but are not limited to) travel restrictions, closures of research collections and archives, mandatory lab closures, mandated suspensions of human subjects research, and increased caregiving responsibilities. Faculty are eligible for sabbatical relief if they had pre-tenure course releases (sometimes known as “junior sabbatical”) or a formal sabbatical leave during spring 2020 and were unable to conduct their planned research. The program offers a one course release to be used for research during either the 2021-22 or 2022-23 academic year.

Applications should include:

- A description of the original sabbatical research plan for spring 2020
- An explanation of how the research was disrupted (e.g., unable to travel to collections)
- The semester for which the course release is being requested
- A research plan for the time made available by the course release
- A statement of support from the department chair.

Faculty who request sabbatical relief on the basis of increased caregiving responsibilities should also submit a statement regarding the nature of the caregiving, time spent, and the lack of alternatives.

Sabbatical relief will be offered in the following priority order:

- Assistant professors who had a pre-tenure course release (sometimes known as “junior sabbatical”) in spring 2020
- Associate professors whose sabbatical research was intended to move them toward promotion to full professor

Whenever possible, we encourage chairs to minimize service assignments and to schedule the applicant’s second course as a lower-enrollment course or for an 8-week session so that faculty can recover as much research time as possible.

Applications are due to the College by noon on October 30, 2020, to collsabb@iu.edu. Applicants and their chairs will be informed of the decisions by November 13, 2020.