The document describing the “David and Amy Fulton Endowed Professorship in Computer Science” includes the following:

This option [Option A: Research Enhancement] is to support the research activities of a tenured faculty member already in the department who has demonstrated outstanding contributions to research and teaching and whose work promises to contribute to the intellectual strength of the department [emphasis added].

…

• Include as attachments appropriate supportive material …[emphasis added].

Source: http://csweb.cs.bgsu.edu/handbook/Fulton.pdf

In reviewing the first round of applications for Option A, the Personnel Committee realized that it needed to interpret the portions of the Fulton document excerpted above. Our interpretation is as follows:

• Only faculty with tenure are eligible to apply for the Fulton award.
• It is necessary for the Fulton applicant to provide evidence of “outstanding contributions to research.” This requirement can be satisfied by submitting a CV showing a strong record of publication in refereed venues. If the CV does not, by itself, establish this record, then it would be appropriate to submit “supportive material,” such as the following:
  o evidence of major external funding
  o evidence of the high reputation of venues where prior work was published
• It is necessary for the Fulton applicant to provide evidence of “outstanding contributions to teaching.” This requirement is presumed satisfied if the applicant’s teaching evaluation scores, as annually assigned by the Personnel Committee, consistently place the applicant above the departmental average. If these evaluations do not, by themselves, satisfy this requirement then it would be appropriate to submit “supportive material,” such as the following:
  o evidence of success with project and thesis supervision
  o evidence of success in curriculum assessment or development
  o evidence of success in the development of tools useful in instruction (textbooks, simulations, instructional software)
• Fulton applicants are expected to be specific about how their work will contribute to the “intellectual strength of the department” as a whole. This could include items such as the following:
  o plans showing how the project will foster departmental research groups and collaborations
  o evidence that the project will acquire or create resources useful to other faculty in their teaching or research
  o letters of support from other faculty who are included in project activities

Fulton applicants should realize that the scope of proposed projects must be appropriate to the limited support the Fulton provides, which is only $10,000 per year for a maximum of three years. If a project requires resources beyond those the Fulton provides, the applicant must show evidence that these resources have been secured.