

University of Hartford
Jackie McLean Fellowship 2025-26
Call for Nominations

The Office of the Provost invites nominations for a Jackie McLean Fellow for the 2025-26 academic year. Since 2008, the Jackie McLean Fellowship has been part of the University of Hartford's continuing efforts to diversify the faculty and advance the cultural competence of our campus community. All departments and interdisciplinary programs are welcome to nominate candidates; preference will be given to those that anticipate a full-time position opening in the next two academic years.

The Jackie McLean Fellowship is open to candidates who have completed all coursework toward a terminal degree (e.g., doctoral degree, MFA). Post-doctoral candidates at or near the beginning of their careers are also eligible. Fellows must be in residence during the fellowship year. Responsibilities include teaching one course per semester, conducting research or creative scholarship toward the completion of their degree or as a follow-up to their graduate work, giving at least one performance or presentation to the University and/or Hartford community, and, where appropriate, engaging in academic service, including mentoring students and/or student organizations,. Fellows will be granted non-tenure track faculty status at the rank of Visiting Instructor or Visiting Assistant Professor for one year, and will receive a salary commensurate with other visiting appointments in their school/college, benefits, an office and computer, and funding for travel and research.

Nominating departments will need to complete a separate form in order to upload material on the PeopleAdmin platform at the time of nomination. If so desired, departments may also use the PeopleAdmin platform to advertise for potential nominees. Please contact the Jackie McLean Fellowship Committee co-chairs, Woody Doane (doane@hartford.edu) or Dakota Nanton (nanton@hartford.edu), for additional information.

Nomination papers should provide evidence that the nominee meets the following criteria:

- A commitment to advancing the role of under-represented students in higher education
- A commitment to working with a diverse student body
- Promise as a teacher
- Promise as a scholar/artist
- Interest in a career in academia

Nomination materials should include, but are not limited to:

- Nominee's curriculum vitae
- At least two letters of reference, including one from the doctoral or pre-terminal degree advisor.
- Transcripts of graduate study (unofficial transcripts acceptable at initial stages)
- A statement from the nominee detailing how they would engage in teaching and research or creative scholarship activities during their year at the University of Hartford and how this experience would: (a) further their career goals; (b) advance the intercultural competence of our campus community, particularly in relation to under-represented students; and (c) advance the university's mission.
- Nomination form (included below) from the department or interdisciplinary program, with chair(s) and dean(s) signatures
- Separate from the materials provided by the nominee, the department or program chair should provide the Jackie McLean Fellowship Committee with a statement detailing the departmental plan for mentoring and supporting the Jackie McLean Fellow if selected. Detailed instructions are provided on the third page of the call for nominations. This may be done via a separate email to doane@hartford.edu or nanton@hartford.edu.

Jackie McLean was a world-renowned alto saxophonist, educator, composer and community activist who served on the faculty at the University of Hartford for 36 years. In 1968, he established the African-American music department and later the Jazz Studies degree program at The Hartt School. In 1970, he and his wife Dollie McLean founded the Artists Collective, a nationally recognized non-profit, interdisciplinary cultural arts institution serving youth and the Greater Hartford community through the preservation and perpetuation of the art and culture of the African Diaspora.

Questions about the fellowship or the nomination process can be addressed to Jackie McLean Committee Co-Chairs Woody Doane at doane@hartford.edu and Dakota Nanton at nanton@hartford.edu.

For best consideration, nomination materials must be received by February 3, 2025.

**Nomination for Jackie McLean Fellowship
Academic Year 2025-26**

Nominating Department:

College:

Name and Signature of Department Chair

_____ Date _____

Name and Signature of Dean

_____ Date _____

Name of Nominee:

Degree Status and Institution:

Please attach a narrative that addresses the following questions:

- Why is your department interested in a McLean Fellow?
- If this nominee is chosen, what teaching opportunities will you have for them? Please include assignments from your normal curriculum as well as the possibility of special seminars.
- If this nominee is chosen, what scholarly or creative project will they complete during the fellowship year?
- In what ways do you see this nominee contributing to the diversity and cultural competence of your department, your college, and our campus community? Please be as specific as possible.
- How will you mentor the fellow? Please be specific.
- Do you anticipate any full-time openings in the next two years? Are you open to the idea of retaining the fellow as a full-time faculty member if their performance warrants?

Materials are due in electronic format by February 3, 2025 and should be submitted via the PeopleAdmin system. Contact Woody Doane or Dakota Nanton, Co-Chairs, Jackie McLean Fellowship Committee (doane@hartford.edu; nanton@hartford.edu) for submission details.