Scholarship Standards for Promotion and Tenure
The Department of Family and Consumer Sciences
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1. The Mission and Scope of Family and Consumer Sciences:
FCS is a multi-disciplinary field of study that offers solutions to problems faced by individuals, families and communities. It integrates and applies knowledge from research within the discipline, the life and biological sciences, the social and behavioral sciences and the arts. Our department’s work centers on three basic human needs which are food, clothing and shelter. We offer degrees in the following areas:

- Food and nutrition, dietetics
- Apparel design and merchandising
- Interior design
- FCS Education, elementary and secondary
- Individual and Family Development

2. Scholarship and Professional Activity in Family and Consumer Sciences
Family and Consumer Sciences faculty are expected to interact on an ongoing basis with their respective guilds. This interaction includes both formal scholarship and professional activity. Since FCS broadly applies the arts and sciences, all four types of scholarship as outlined in the Faculty Handbook (Section 5.2.2.2) are valued in our department: the scholarship of discovery, teaching, application, and synthesis.

A. The scholarship of discovery is investigative and focuses on discovering new information. Discovery is an important aspect of a scholar’s work in FCS but since the discipline is applied in nature, the majority of scholarship does not fall under this category. However, it is prized. Collaboration with other institutions such as the University of Washington that provide resources for conducting scholarship of discovery is valued.

Primary product examples:


Secondary product examples:


B. The scholarship of teaching focuses on ways to make FCS content understandable by others. It requires assessing appropriate content and teaching strategies and also assesses how learners learn best and how to deliver content in a manner which is suitable to their learning style. Communication is essential to the FCS mission so scholarship that focuses on improving communication both within and outside the profession is valued.
Primary product examples


Secondary product examples:


C. The scholarship of application emphasizes ways in which discovered knowledge can be applied to the community and campus. There are a number of ways in which FCS scholars apply knowledge to the community around them.

Primary product examples


Secondary product examples:


D. The scholarship of synthesis connects knowledge from multiple disciplines and places it in a larger context of understanding. FCS draws from many disciplines and applies conclusions from this synthesis to improve quality of life for individuals, families, and communities.

Primary product examples

Secondary product examples:


E. Professional activity relevant to FCS includes clinical practice (applicable in nutrition), reviewing manuscripts for professional journals, and reviewing programs in other institutions, especially for secondary accreditation bodies. FCS faculty should be able to demonstrate that their work in these arenas is based on current research and practice, and contributes to the vitality and success of the respective guild and organization. Such professional activity is typically considered a secondary scholarship product.

3. Scholarly Products in FCS
The principal products listed below exemplify those activities that are required for the normative progression of a developing scholar. These primary forms of scholarship are deemed most widely recognized forms of scholarship and are peer-reviewed. The secondary products, while not supplanting the primary products, are also important as illustrative of activity and provide additional evidence of scholarship within the discipline.

A. Primary Scholarship Products:
1. Books and book chapters, including textbooks.
2. Articles in peer-reviewed print or electronic journals. Multiple authorship is common practice, valued, and accepted within the discipline.
3. Editor of or contributor to a collection of scholarly articles.
4. Monographs and proceedings published by academic presses, trade publishers with scholarly divisions and scholarly organizations.
5. Extramural grant submissions (accepted).

B. Secondary Scholarship Products:
1. Conference papers, especially if peer-reviewed.
2. Presentations at regional, national or international meetings. These may be oral or poster presentations. Abstracts from the meeting should be published.
3. Juried competitions sponsored by professional organizations in the fields of interior, apparel, or furniture design.
4. Juried exhibitions of interior, apparel or furniture products or designs.
5. Articles submitted for publications that are not as rigorously reviewed. May include professional newsletters or publications, or articles written for consumers.
6. Invited presentations for professional meetings where proceedings are not published.
7. Relevant professional activity including clinical practice (applicable in nutrition), reviewing manuscripts for professional journals, and reviewing programs in other institutions, especially for secondary accreditation bodies.
8. Intramural grant submissions (accepted) and extramural grants (submitted).

4. Scholarship Requirements for Promotion
The Department of Family and Consumer Sciences recognizes the mission-driven need for scholarly work and service to the profession. As a result, the following requirements are proposed for promotion and tenure in FCS:

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A. Promotion to Associate Professor:
At least three (3) acceptable products as described in section 3 of this document while at the rank of Assistant Professor, one of which must be primary scholarship product.

B. Promotion to Full Professor:
At least five (5) acceptable products as described in section 3 of this document while at the rank of Associate Professor, two of which must be primary scholarship products.