

**Call for Applications**  
**Scott-Hawkins Lecture Fund, Spring 2026**  
**Deadline: October 10, 2025**

The Dedman College Interdisciplinary Institute (DCII) is pleased to announce a call for proposals for support from the Scott-Hawkins Lecture Fund for **Spring 2026 events**.

The DCII is particularly interested in proposals for speakers or events that can appeal to a broad interdisciplinary audience of students and faculty. As in the past, we expect that applicants will seek other sources of funding to match the amount requested from the Scott-Hawkins Fund.

The deadline for proposals for Spring 2026 lectures is **October 10**.

Applicants should submit proposals via the following link:

<https://www.smu.edu/dedman/research/institutes-and-centers/dcii/events/scott-hawkins/application>

Questions about the fund or the application process should be directed to Dr. Karisa Cloward, Ruth Collins Altshuler Director of the Dedman College Interdisciplinary Institute at [kcloward@smu.edu](mailto:kcloward@smu.edu).

**About Scott and Hawkins:**

In 1917, Elmer Scott founded The Civic Federation of Dallas as a community-wide social service agency. Under Mr. Scott's leadership, the Federation presented lectures, socials, dramas, and musical evenings. When the Federation was dissolved in 1958, the board of directors assigned its assets to SMU and asked that the annual income be used for the Scott-Hawkins Lectures. Gaynell Hawkins was a 1917 graduate of SMU. Upon graduation, she began working for the Civic Federation, first as research secretary and later educational director. She moved on to other projects in 1940 and upon her retirement in 1965 she received the SMU Woman of Achievement Award.