

**FACULTY DEVELOPMENT ENDOWMENT
FUNDS**

Faculty Research Fund

Award Date: Fall 2023

Proposal Title: Costume Technology Research

Principal Investigator: Claire Abernathy

ABSTRACT

As Associate Professor of Theatre at Arkansas State University my work includes fulfilling multiple roles, including costume designer and costume shop manager. While I have over 35 years of stitching experience, I trained primarily as a designer, not a shop manager or costume technician. Over the years I've continued to learn new construction skills through trial and error, as well as online instruction, and some continued coursework. Through hands on training provided by the University of Arts, London, I will expose myself to new skills which will enhance my personal expertise, grow my knowledge of properly fitting garments, enhance A-State theatre productions, and provide students with the opportunity to explore these things in class, as well.