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SUMMER RESEARCH FUNDING FOR TENURE-TRACK AND TENURED FACULTY

Purpose

To provide financial support for tenure-track and tenured faculty to engage in scholarly activity during the summer months.

Amount of Award

Awards range from \$1000 - \$6000. In previous years, awards have averaged \$3500. Awards may be in the form of a stipend or may cover research expenses, such as travel, research assistance, or some combination thereof.

Submissions Accepted: September 1, 2011 through October 1, 2011. In fairness to other potential applicants, late applications will not be considered.

Eligibility

- An applicant must be a full-time probationary, i.e., tenure-track, faculty member at the time of receipt of the award or a faculty member with regular faculty rank, appointed without term, i.e., with tenure.
- Individuals whose rank is prefixed with Affiliate, Adjunct, Research, Term, or Visiting are not eligible.
- Faculty members who have been denied tenure in the sixth year or who are in the final year of a terminal contract are not eligible.
- Joint applications from two or more faculty will not be considered.
- A faculty member rarely receives Summer Research Funding more than once in every two years.
- A faculty member who has received other research funds from the Office of Research (i.e. Seed Grant, Creative Award, Study Leave) during the last two years is not eligible.
- A faculty member is rarely awarded Summer Research Funding in the same year as a study leave.
- Funding from this program is not available to supplement funding from other sources for the same project.
- A faculty member who receives Summer Research Funding is required to remain a full-time employee of the University for at least one academic year after the conclusion of the award.
- Award may be used to support new initiatives or to continue work in progress.
- A faculty member who accepts Summer Research Funding **MUST** agree to serve as a reviewer of future funding applications.

Selection

The Office of the Provost awards Summer Research Funding based on reviews by faculty members from several disciplines.

Period of the Award

Awards are normally given to support activities conducted during the summer months. Reasonable portions of the award may be used to cover expenses incurred in the semesters before and following the award period.

Review Criteria

Reviewers will be asked to rate each proposal according to the following criteria on a 50 point scale.

- Value to the applicant
 - Potential for extramural funding resulting from the activities (10 points)
 - Potential for publication or appropriate professional outlet (10 points)
- Intrinsic merit of the project
 - Significance of the project for the field (5 points)
 - Value of the project to the University and society (5 points)
- Quality of the Approach
 - Quality of the research or project design (5 points)
 - Appropriateness of the method to the question (5 points)
- Feasibility of the project within available resources (10 points)

Application Submission Process

All application materials for summer research funding will be submitted entirely online at the following web site: <https://randed.gmu.edu/srf/index.cfm>. You will need your GMU email username and password to login. All application materials must be converted to PDF format in order to be uploaded to the web site. The application cannot be edited once it is submitted, so please verify your information before submitting.

In order to maintain confidentiality, the Dean, Director, or Chair Letter of Support should be emailed directly to the program coordinator [Donna Sherrard](#)

All application materials, including letter of support, must be received by close of business on October 1, 2011. Late materials will not be accepted.

Application Details

In order for your application to be deemed complete, it must contain the following items:

- A. Description of the Project:** Maximum of 3 pages, single-spaced, for **non-specialist** readers. The description should be brief, non-technical, and include the following:
 1. A statement of the central problem or question to be addressed by this research and its scholarly or creative significance.
 2. The objectives of the project, the methods to be employed, its relation to existing literature in the field, and a timetable for completion of the work.
 3. An explanation of how the applicant's program, department or the University will benefit from this research. A description of how you will share what you have learned with colleagues, students and the external research community, including publications and presentations.
 4. A description of how this project will contribute to the scholarly development of the applicant and of how it will enhance future opportunities, including external financial support, new partnerships, improved teaching, etc.
- B. Curriculum Vitae:** Maximum of 3 pages, emphasizing publications related to the project.
- C. Budget:** Maximum of 1 page. Should include itemized expenses (e.g., equipment, travel, and material) that the requested amount will cover. The budget may include a stipend for the applicant or GRA
- D. Dean, Director, or Chair Letter of Support:** Maximum of 1 page. It should address the quality and importance of the proposed activity, the competence of the applicant to complete the activity and the adequacy of the proposed plan.

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