

Research Support Program

Summer Research Grants

Purpose: Summer research grants are available on a competitive basis to faculty who wish to utilize summertime to advance their scholarly work. The purpose is to encourage, stimulate, and promote projects that lead to external funding.

This grant program is designed to:

- Provide time to develop grant proposals related to external funding.

Eligibility: To be eligible, one must be a tenure-track faculty member. Preferences will be given to applicants who provide innovative research proposals, and to those who provide proposals with an emphasis on external funding.

Grant limit: For faculty on 9-month salaries, up to 20% of the applicant's salary may be requested for this purpose. The department head/chair must be able to cover the faculty member's courses during the summer. Full consideration for scheduling should be evaluated, so as to avoid conflicts in class planning and preparation.

Faculty on 12-month appointments will not be able to request funding, however, they will have the option to request release from any summer duties so as to focus solely on their research. The department head/chair or dean must be able to cover the faculty member's workload during the summer by other means.

Selection: Applications must be supported by the department head/chair (see signature page below) and by the dean. The Research Council will review applications; no more than two applications from each college shall be forwarded to the Research Council for consideration. The Research Council will make recommendations to the Provost who has final approval authority; no more than one application from each college shall be forwarded to the Provost for consideration. The Provost shall determine the number of grants to be given in any award period. As always, financial resources along with merit will be considered in making funding decisions. Note that any Research Council member applying must recuse himself or herself from the screening process.

Requirements of recipient: Recipients are required to produce a written report detailing the outcomes of the summer project to the Provost's Office by September 30 following the summer of award. Recipients also must agree to remain at AUM for at least one academic year following receipt of the award.

Application instructions: Applications should be submitted through your department Head/Chair and Dean to the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs. Include the following proposal elements:

- Short (2-5 pp.) CV emphasizing the applicant's most recent five years of scholarly activity, as well as a separate page attached to the CV listing internal/external awards pending or secured during the last five years.
- Project narrative (5-10 pages, excluding appendices): goals, objectives, and outcomes; need/significance; outcomes assessment; work plan and timeline showing major milestones.

- If you are requesting a summer research grant to apply for external funding, please give details of the foundation or funding agency involved. Please indicate whether or not prior contact has been established with the foundation or funding agency.

Evaluation Criteria:

- Need/significance within the discipline
- Worthwhile, clearly stated, feasible goals/objectives
- Well-conceived work plan, methodology and timeline
- Applicant capability: adequate preparation and resources; evidence of a coherent, ongoing scholarly/creative agenda
- Overall benefit to the applicant, to the discipline, and to AUM.

(Please include this page at the end of your proposal)

In signing this application I understand that I shall be expected to remain at Auburn University at Montgomery for at least one academic year. I also understand that if I leave Auburn University at Montgomery within the following academic year I shall be expected to return funds obtained through this grant.

Faculty Member _____ Date _____

Please send this application for signature by your head/chair, who will forward it to the dean. The dean, in turn, will forward this application to the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs.

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Do you agree that participation in this professional development experience will advance this individual professionally in the area of scholarship, as well as contribute to the mission of Auburn University at Montgomery?

__ Yes __ No Dept. Head/Chair _____ Date _____

__ Yes __ No Dean _____ Date _____

Please forward completed application to the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs