2020 Faculty Research Awards

Overview:
The Vice President for Research and Innovation invites faculty members from all academic disciplines to apply for 2020 Faculty Research Awards.

Faculty Research Awards provide funds for scholarship, creative projects, and quantitative or qualitative research. Examples of eligible projects include:

- Book projects that are intended for publication with an academic press
- Performances in nationally or internationally known venues
- Creative work that will be exhibited
- Projects that obtain pilot data, demonstrate the feasibility of an approach or method, or contribute to the development of a prototype
- Travel to conduct field work or conduct research at an archive or special collection

Use of Funds:

The maximum amount of a Faculty Research Award is $7,000.

Funds may be used for travel, equipment, supplies, contractual services, core/shared user facility fees, graduate or undergraduate student effort, or as a stipend during the summer months. Please note that as a stipend, Faculty Research Awards are processed through payroll and are subject to Other Payroll Expenses (OPE). If a stipend is provided, the recipient’s unit must calculate the expected OPE and reduce the stipend award accordingly. The Faculty Research Award provides $7,000 for two consecutive months of research and writing.

Funds may not be used 1) to replace or fund tenure-line faculty salary during the academic year, 2) for instructional release/course buyouts, 3) for construction or facility renovation or 4) for curriculum development or career development.

Awards are for the 12-month, fiscal year period commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021. Award monies may not be used for reimbursement and direct expenditure prior to July 1, 2020.

Timeline:

Applications are due by Friday, January 10, 2020 by 5:00 PM. Notification of awards will take place in the spring of 2020. Projects cannot begin until July 1, 2020, and must be completed by June 30, 2021. Final reports are due by July 31, 2021.

Eligibility:

All tenure-track faculty members with the rank of Assistant Professor or above are eligible to apply. Non-tenure-track faculty who hold a full-time appointment (1.0 FTE) that includes substantial research responsibilities, have been employed by the university for at least three years at the time of application, and will hold a UO appointment during the academic year of the research award may also apply. Emeritus, Courtesy, Visiting and adjunct appointee ranks are ineligible.
Individuals are limited to submitting one application per funding cycle. Applicants may serve as a collaborator or team member on additional projects.

Recipients of a Faculty Research Award from the Office of the Vice President for Research and Innovation who have not submitted a final report for their prior award are ineligible.

Faculty members who have received funding in any of the three previous award cycles are not eligible to apply.

Review Process:

The review process for the Faculty Research Awards has four stages.

1) An initial review will be conducted to ensure that proposals are in compliance with all guidelines. Proposals deemed non-compliant will be returned to the applicant and will not be reviewed further.

2) The Vice President for Research & Innovation will determine the annual budget for awards distributed through the program.

3) The committee of UO faculty appointed by the University Senate will conduct peer review to evaluate the grant proposals and select the proposals for funding. Reviewers will be asked to consider several factors when evaluating the proposal, including:

   - Significance of the project.
   - Clarity of proposal content.
   - Well-justified methodology.
   - Contribution to discipline/field.
   - Realistic and feasible timeline and budget.
   - Project scholarly/creative outcomes.
   - Connection of the project to faculty’s past and future work.

4) Feedback will be provided to interested applicants whose proposals are not funded.

Proposal Components (11-point font, Times New Roman, 1-inch margins):

1) Online Application Form

2) Application Materials (use Word template)
   a. Statement of Work (3 pages, not including references). Include:
      i. A description of the research project
      ii. Timeline and milestones
      iii. Expected outcomes
      iv. Future research and scholarship that will result from the proposed project
   b. Curriculum Vitae (2 pages)
c. Current and Pending Support (1 page)
   i. List current and pending funding for the PI and key personnel (funding source, project period, total costs); include any internal awards you have received from the UO

d. Budget Justification (1 page; not required if requesting summer stipend only)

3) Budget (use Excel template)

4) Other Support, Compliance, and Signature Form (use PDF form)

Templates available Faculty Research Awards website.

Upload components 2-4 to the online application form and click submit. Please note that this form cannot be saved in order to submit at a later date. The form should be filled out and all documents submitted all at once.