Liberty University College of Osteopathic Medicine

Intramural Research Grant Packet

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Part I

Policies and Guidelines

Purpose

LUCOM Intramural Research Grants are intended to meet both emerging opportunities and needs within the research enterprise of the institution. These include supporting pilot or preliminary projects with the goal of fostering successful subsequent funding by an external agency, supporting needs of established research programs and allowing exploration of novel ideas that may lead to new research directions.

Process

Eligibility

- Only a full-time LUCOM faculty can serve as the principal investigator (PI).
- Adjunct faculty and Liberty University faculty can be listed as a co-PI in collaboration with a full-time LUCOM faculty member as the PI.
- Applications originating from LUCOM student-initiated ideas require a full-time LUCOM faculty member as the PI.

Submission and Review

- Applications are submitted to the Associate Dean for Research for review by the LUCOM Research Committee. The Research Committee holds meetings as needed, so applications can be submitted at any time.
- The LUCOM Research Committee makes recommendations to the Dean, and the Dean then makes final decisions regarding funding of applications.
- The Associate Dean for Research communicates the decision and provides written feedback from the Research Committee to the PI.

Guidelines

- A PI is allowed one funded proposal in a 12-month period.
- In general, the total budget request should not exceed $15,000. Funds can be used for supplies, research animals and expenses associated with publication and/or presentation of the data at conferences. However, under certain circumstances, budget guidelines can be modified.
- If the PI obtains extramural funding for work similar to that being supported by a LUCOM grant, it is the responsibility of the PI to notify the Associate Dean for Research.
In this situation, remaining funds in the LUCOM grant will be returned to the LUCOM budget.

• Applications that are approved for funding require an annual Progress Report which is to be submitted by the PI to the LUCOM Research Committee.
• Publications and/or presentations at conferences reporting results of research funded by a LUCOM grant should acknowledge LUCOM as the funding source.
Part II

Application Components and Instructions

A complete application requires the components listed below. For all components, a font size of at least 11pt and page margins of at least 0.75in are required. Specific instructions are provided for each component.

A. Signature Cover Page
B. Project Information
C. Research Proposal
D. Research Compliance
E. Budget Justification
F. Other Support
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A. Signature Cover Page

PI: (print) ________________________________ % Effort for Project ____________

(signature) ________________________________ Date: ________________

Dept.: ________________________________

Dept. Chair: (print) ________________________________

(signature) ________________________________ Date: ________________

Associate Dean: (print) ________________________________

(signature) ________________________________ Date: ________________

Project Title:

________________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________________

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CO-PI’s: Include all co-PI’s, use additional page in necessary; If none, check box below.

NONE [ ]

1. (print) ________________________________

Dept.: ________________________________

Date: ________________________________

2. (print) ________________________________

Dept.: ________________________________

Date: ________________________________

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B. Project Information

I. Lay Summary: In the space below, briefly summarize the research project in language appropriate for a general audience of individuals outside of this field of study. Be sure to address why the research will be done and why it is of value.

II. LUCOM Mission and Vision: In the space below, briefly explain how the research project will advance the mission and vision of LUCOM.
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C. Research Proposal

The Research Proposal should consist of the following elements according to the specifications indicated:

I. Specific Aims [maximum of 1 page; includes an abstract and a concise statement of the project’s aims/goals]

II. Research Plan [maximum of 6 pages; includes key background, preliminary data (if applicable), experimental design & methods]

III. Literature Cited [no page limit, complete references required]

Please note the following key points:

• Inclusion of preliminary data is not required.
• Plans for statistical analysis of data should be clearly addressed in the Research Plan.
• Please number the pages of the Research Proposal.
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D. Research Compliance

I. Does the proposed research involve human subjects?  YES_____  NO_____

If “YES”, has a protocol for the work been approved by the LU IRB?

YES_____  NO_____

If “YES”, please attach a copy of the IRB approval letter.

If “NO”, please explain below the plan for obtaining IRB approval.

II. Does the proposed research involve animals?  YES_____  NO_____

If “YES”, has a protocol for the work been approved by the LU IACUC?

YES_____  NO_____

If “YES”, please attach a copy of the IACUC approval letter.

If “NO”, please explain below the plan for obtaining IACUC approval.
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E. Budget Justification

Please provide an estimated budget and a corresponding justification for the budgeted items. Common categories are provided below. If other categories/items apply, please add. Use additional page if necessary.

SUPPLIES

Total $:

ANIMAL EXPENSES

Total $:

HUMAN SUBJECT EXPENSES

Total $:

FEE for SERVICE (such as DNA sequencing, statistical analysis of data, etc.)

Total $:

CONFERENCE EXPENSES (attendance at conference to present data from the project)

Total $:

PUBLICATION EXPENSES (publication reporting the findings of the project)

Total $:

Grand Total Requested $:
Information regarding other financial support (active, pending, overlapping) for the PI must be provided. Please provide this information for all other sources of support according to the example below. If there is no other support, state “NONE”.

**SAMPLE**

Active or Pending

Name of PI:

Source:

Dates of Approved/Proposed project:

Annual Direct Costs:

Title of Project:

The major goals of this project are...

Does the project overlap with the LUCOM Intramural Grant proposal?  

YES ___  NO ___

If “YES”, please explain the extent and nature of the overlap below.
Part III

Progress Report Guidelines and Components

Guidelines

• Annual Progress Reports are submitted to the Associate Dean for Research for review by the LUCOM Research Committee.
• Annual Progress Reports are due within 30 days after completion of 12 months since the grant was awarded.
• Annual Progress Reports consist of the components listed below and are prepared according to the provided template.

A. Major Research Accomplishments
   1. Publications and/or Presentations at Conferences
   2. Attraction of other Funds

B. Highlights of the Research

C. Impact of Research on LUCOM
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Progress Report

PI: (name)___________________________________
     (signature)________________________________

PI’s department: ________________________________

A. Major Research Accomplishments
   1. Did any publications and/or presentations at conferences result, at least in part, from the research funded by this intramural grant?
      
      YES____ NO____
      
      If “YES”, please provide corresponding information (reference, title, etc.) below.

   2. Did the research funded by this intramural grant lead to further funding from other sources and/or to pending applications?
      
      YES____ NO____
      
      If “YES”, please provide corresponding information below.

B. Highlights of the Research (maximum of 1 page; summarize progress made toward the specific aims of the project, major findings and future plans)

C. Impact of Research on LUCOM (maximum of 1 page; summarize the impact of the research on the mission and vision of LUCOM, especially on LUCOM educational programs, faculty scholarly activity and the Center for Research)