

Faculty Professional Development Awards

Research and Scholarly Activity

The OSPR recommends submitting applications at least 2 months before funds are needed due to the necessary administrative review at numerous levels and [associated processes](#).

Purpose

Supports professional development opportunities for faculty involved in teaching and/or mentoring undergraduate residential students in research and scholarly activity. These funds support travel to conferences for the purpose of presenting research, all related to developing an effective and well-informed undergraduate research program. These funds may also support the purchase of online or print resources if related to the undergraduate research program. Faculty will be awarded up to \$2500.

Award Criteria

Eligibility

- Applicant should be a contracted Liberty University residential faculty member or any Liberty University Online faculty.
- Applicant should currently be involved in research instruction or mentorship (provide course number and description or description of research collaboration with students) or be able to provide a proposed plan of involvement.

Evidence of commitment to research

- Provide a curriculum vitae that demonstrates specific examples of participation in research and scholarship and contributions to the applicant's field in these areas or the potential to contribute in the future.

Evidence of the impact of proposed opportunity on faculty's ability to influence student learning

- Articulate how the award will help the applicant enhance his/her research mentorship/instructional skills, capabilities, and knowledge.
- The award can support professional development related directly to pedagogical approaches in research mentorship OR research knowledge and skills that will impact student learning.
- Provide an action plan on how the applicant will incorporate the knowledge and skills gained at this event into research instruction/mentorship.

Evidence of real-world impact

- Articulate how the proposed professional development opportunity will assist the applicant in conducting research that enhances students' competitive advantage in pursuing career opportunities, advances the university's reputation, impacts society, and applies to the industry.

Follow-up expectation

- The faculty member(s) receiving this award will need to submit a one-page summary within four weeks of the professional development event. This summary will need to detail what he/she has learned, how he/she will use the information in the class, and when he/she will present this information at a school/college meeting or event. (Please include the name and dates of conference, home department, award funding amount, award expended amount.) The faculty will need to present this information at a school/college meeting or event. The faculty may be asked to present the knowledge and skills gained through this experience and/or how they can impact student learning in the area of research and scholarship at the Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE).
- Please email your summary to grants@liberty.edu and ensure your file is saved in the following format: **lastname_firstname_activitycode**

Sponsorship Acknowledgment

Any publication, presentation, public recital, exhibition, or other public display of the faculty's work made possible through a research award must include an appropriate acknowledgment of the sponsoring department i.e. the College of Osteopathic Medicine, The Graduate School, Fulbright Program, or CTE.

Although no one format is required, we recommend the following:

This [research, etc.] is made possible in part by support from the [grant program name], Liberty University.