

Research Project Awards

Internal Awards (Previously called Center for Research & Scholarship) Faculty Research Project Award Criteria – Tier 1

Faculty may apply for and receive funding for Tier 1 research projects offered through Internal Awards for research projects. Tier 1 research projects are those that have a max requested amount of \$7,500.

For research projects involving undergraduate residential students, applications directly associated with proposals emerging from Research-Intensive courses will receive prioritization, if all other qualifications are equal.

Eligibility

- Applicant should be a LUR or LUO faculty member.
- Applicant should currently be involved in research mentorship or instruction. (Provide course number and description or description of research collaboration with students).
- Applicant should demonstrate in his/her application how the student(s) will be a significant contributor(s) to this project.

Evidence of Real-World Impact

Articulate how the proposed research enhances students' competitive advantage in pursuing career opportunities, advances the University's reputation, impacts society, and applies to the industry.

Evidence of Well-Planned Research Proposal

Ability to clearly articulate the components of the research project/creative work as specified in the application. This includes the following:

- Background and research problem/interest/question
- Connection of the project to the university mission

- Plan and method of the proposed work (including application to IRB if applicable)
- Facilities and resources needed
- Significance of the project
- Role of the faculty mentor and students in the research agenda
- Bibliography
- Implementation timeline
- Itemized budget
- The commitment of support from external collaborators (if applicable).

Evidence of Commitment to Research

- A curriculum vitae that details specific examples of participation in research and scholarship to demonstrate the applicant's qualifications for guiding the research project.
- If the applicant is utilizing a new technique or is a novice researcher, please include a letter of support from a supervising faculty member who will mentor and oversee the process.

Follow-Up Expectations

Faculty receiving this award will be expected to follow the reporting requirements outlined below:

Report should be submitted at the end of each semester during which the faculty receives research support – Fall, Spring, and Summer (if applicable). All of the points below will need to be addressed in the report:

- Impact on students (research knowledge/skills conveyed, learning objectives, number of students)
- Award amount total
- Budget expenditures to date (Please address any estimated over-expenditures or significant under-expenditures) – Ask for a percentage
- IRB Approval date – Must submit email/letter of approval in first round of reporting
- Timeline – compared to what was proposed
- Publications/Presentations
- Actions steps planned for next cycle
- Any delays/deviations and explanations for why

- How could this project lead to the pursuit of external grants?

Please email your summary to grants@liberty.edu.

Chair will review and provide an evaluation statement.

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. Office of Sponsored Programs & Research: Internal Awards, the College of Osteopathic Medicine, The Graduate School, Fulbright Program, or the Center for Academic Development.

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 (i.e. Office of Sponsored Programs & Research: Internal Awards)], Liberty University.