

Faculty Research Project Award – Tier 2

Faculty may apply for and receive funding for Tier 2 research projects offered through Internal Awards for research projects. Tier 2 research projects are those that have a requested amount above \$7,500. These projects will be approved through a recommendation from a committee to the Provost for approval.

Eligibility

- Applicant should be a full-time, contracted residential (LUR) or online (LUO) faculty member.
- Applicant should currently be involved in research instruction &/or mentorship (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.
- Applicant should meet at least two requirements of an experienced researcher:
 - Published or presented research in the past 2 years
 - Recipient of a Tier 1 grant through Liberty University
 - Faculty's research and scholarly activity has received an honor or award
- Excellence: the program of research, scholarship, or creative endeavor must be of the highest quality.
 - It is expected that the outcomes of this project will bring recognition to the researcher(s) and the university.
 - It is assumed that outcomes of the project will be significantly recognized as leading the discipline or field of study and contribute to the overall prominence of the university.
- Can provide the rationale for why he/she should be considered for an exception to these standards

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)
 - 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 upload your Project Summary into the Attachments Tab of your Cayuse Award Record. Your Department Chair must review and provide an evaluation statement included in the Attached Project Summary.

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.