

Research Project Awards

Internal Awards (Previously called Center for Research & Scholarship)

Faculty Research Project Award Criteria – 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 contracted Liberty University 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 or scholarship in the past 2 years
 - Recipient of an external grant in past 5 years
 - Recipient of a Tier 1 grant through Liberty University
 - Research/Scholarship has received an honor/award/patent
- 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) – 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?

Email your summary to grants@liberty.edu and create a subject line in this format: **lastname_firstname_activitycode**.

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.