

Call for Proposals
2011-2012 External Grant Summer Research Fellowship
Application Deadline: First Friday in November

USI's Sponsored Research Office calls for proposals to fund research and scholarship projects for the 2012 summer term. \$7,000 stipends are available for projects that demonstrate a propensity to enhance faculty research and scholarship. Funding from the Summer Research Fellowships program is designed to provide seed money for faculty research. Recipients must seek external funding for continuation of their research agenda within 24 months. For assistance identifying potential funding sources, contact the Sponsored Research Office.

Eligibility

1. Applicants must hold a full-time, tenured or tenure-track position and at the time of application, may not be pursuing a terminal degree required for the held position.
2. Faculty who are eligible for a USI Summer Research Fellowship (SRF) (within first three years of tenure eligibility) are not eligible to apply for a External Grant Summer Research Fellowship.
3. Preference is given to applicants who have never received funding for salary (including release time) from an internal or external source.
4. External Grant Summer Research Fellowship applicants whose project costs are eligible for Faculty Research and Creative Work Award (FRCWA) funding should apply concurrently to the FRCWA program for project costs.
5. Applications for course development, faculty development, departmental curriculum development, institutional research, consulting, or public service activities are not eligible.

Award Information

The award provides a taxable stipend of \$7,000 without fringe benefits to support ten weeks of uninterrupted scholarly research by USI faculty. Acceptance of an External Grant Summer Research Fellowship implies that the recipient will not be involved in other paid or unpaid employment during the award period. Recipients are required to submit an external grant proposal within 24 months of award. Failure to comply will result in all compensation paid to the recipient to be returned to the Sponsored Research Office.

Allowable Activities (Definition of Research)

The External Grant Summer Research Fellowship program provides support for faculty research projects only. For this program, research is broadly defined as all creative, critical, scholarly, and/or empirical activity that expands, clarifies, reorganizes, or develops knowledge or artistic perception. This definition of research includes the demonstration, implementation, application and dissemination of research results, and those grants designated as research by the granting agency.

Selection Process

Up to three External Grant Summer Research Fellowships will be awarded each year. Using the evaluation criteria on the following page, the Faculty Awards for Scholarship, Teaching, and

Research (FASTR) Committee makes recommendations to the Director of Sponsored Research who will make the final awards.

Application Instructions

1. Complete the External Grant Summer Research Fellowships Application Cover Page - required.
2. Attach a project description addressing the following four criteria:
 - a. Document the **scholarly significance** of the project. Set the proposed project in the framework of other scholarship in the discipline and establish its importance and/or originality. Support with in-text citations.
 - b. **Describe the project. Clearly** explain the objectives of the proposed project, the methods you will use, and the expected outcomes. Use language easily understood by readers from other disciplines.
 - c. Describe how much of the project can be **completed or substantially advanced** with the available resources and within the time allowed. Demonstrate what aspects of the proposed project you will complete during the stipend period. If you cannot complete the entire project during the summer award period, explain why and state when you anticipate completing the project.
 - d. Explain the relationship of the proposed project to your **overall program of scholarship**. How does the project support your professional growth? Since recipients are required to seek external funding for continuation of their research agenda within 24 months, explain how this project will lead to additional funding.
3. The project description is limited to five double-spaced pages using a type font no smaller than 12 point.
4. Attach a list of all internal and external grants and contracts received, either as principal investigator or co-investigator.
5. Submit the original signed application and one electronic copy to Emily Lynn, Sponsored Research Office, Wright Administration Building 104-K, gssr@usi.edu, by no later than 4:30 PM on the first Friday of November.

Award Criteria

1. Scholarly significance to the field supported by in-text citations.
2. Clarity of objectives and project description.
3. Feasibility: the project can be completed or substantially advanced in the project period.
4. Importance to applicant's program of scholarship.

Additional Consideration: First time recipients

First time recipients will receive priority consideration.

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Application Cover Page

Name and Professorial Rank _____

Year of Initial Appointment _____ Year of Tenure-track Appointment _____

Department _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Project Title: _____

Check one:

_____ I have never received grant funding (external or internal) for salary, including release time, for research or scholarship.

_____ I have previously received the following salary support, including release time (titles and year(s) received) for research or scholarship.

Agreement:

If awarded an External Grant Summer Research Fellowship, I agree to these conditions:

1. I will apply for external funding for this or a related project within 24 months of the end of the External Grant Summer Research Fellowship grant period. If I do not do so, I am obligated to reimburse USI for all compensation paid under the grant.
2. Accepting this grant obligates me to return to USI for at least one complete year of service. If I do not do so, I am obligated to reimburse USI for all compensation paid under the grant.
3. By October 1, 2013, I will file with the Sponsored Research Office a report detailing outcomes of the work performed.
4. Any publication resulting from the research funded by the External Grant Summer Research Fellowship shall include an acknowledgment of this source of support.
5. Prior to initiating significant changes in the research project as proposed, I will seek approval for those changes from the Provost.

Applicant Signature

Date

Department Chair Signature

Date

This research will involve the use of (check all that apply): Animals Humans