



USI SUMMER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS (SRF)

Introduction

Scholarship, creativity, and engagement provide the intellectual foundation for faculty life at the University of Southern Indiana. In order to encourage and support junior faculty (tenure-track, but not yet tenured), the University, through the Provost's Office, provides research and scholarship funding. The USI Summer Research Fellowship (SRF) makes a limited number of \$7,000 salary stipends available for junior faculty to pursue promising research, creative, and engagement projects for one 10- week summer term.

Eligibility

Only full-time, tenure-track faculty members within the first three years of tenure eligibility are eligible for this program. Faculty who are just beginning to establish their research and/or creative works portfolio/agenda will be given priority consideration for a summer fellowship. Faculty may hold concurrent SRF and internally and/or externally sponsored grants. Junior faculty members are strongly discouraged from teaching during the 10- week summer term of their fellowship. USI Summer Research Fellowships are non-renewable and junior faculty members are eligible for only one (1) SRF.

Allowable Activities (Definition of Research)

The USI Summer Research Fellowship program provides support only for faculty research projects. 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.

Ineligible Activities

DEPARTMENTAL CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT -- includes activities such as curriculum development, the preparation of curriculum materials, curriculum revisions, student interest surveys;

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT -- includes activities such as learning an established technique, a language or methodology; thesis or dissertation;

INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH -- includes activities such as studies conducted related directly to the operation of the university;

PUBLIC SERVICE and CONSULTING ACTIVITIES.

Policies and Regulations

University of Southern Indiana rules, regulations, and policies regarding the use of human subjects, animal care, biosafety, hazardous waste, radioactive materials, patents and copyrights, royalties and fees, as well as other appropriate University policies apply. Faculty are responsible for following the established University compliance

procedures regarding these rules and regulations. Faculty may obtain additional information regarding these policies from the Office of Graduate Studies and Sponsored Research.

Fiscal Regulations

The expenditure of funds from this program follows normal USI policies and procedures.

Proposal Review

We anticipate that there will always be more proposals submitted than can be funded. All requests for funding undergo a peer review process by the Faculty Awards for Service, Teaching, and Research Committee (FASTRC) of the Faculty Senate before final approval by the Provost. Proposals will be assessed based on the clarity of the project description and the extent to which the project appears to help the faculty member begin to establish a scholarly record at USI. Evidence for the latter condition can be made evident by the applicant clearly defining scholarly goals during the fellowship period and any additional material that supports the significance of the project to the faculty member's scholarly development.

All final decisions regarding funding for USI Summer Research Fellowships rest with the Provost.

Reporting Requirement

Recipients of USI Summer Research Fellowships are required to submit a brief report [1-2 pages maximum], or copy of the work completed within 30 days following the end of the 10- week fellowship period.

Deadlines

USI Summer Research Fellowship applications are due Monday of the first week in November: **November 7, 2011**.

Send completed application package to:

Dr. Peggy Harrel, Director
Sponsored Research Office
Office of Academic Affairs
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