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Office of Sponsored Programs at Salisbury University

Building Research Excellence -Faculty Research Enhancement Grants

Purpose

The purpose of the Building Research Excellence (BRE) grants program is to support activities that will enhance the competitiveness of an application to be submitted to an external funding agency. Therefore, within approximately 12 months of the end date of the BRE, an application must be submitted to an external funding agency which allows full indirect costs with a minimum submission equivalent to 10X the amount of the internal grant received.

The initial evaluations and consideration for Fiscal Year 2020 will begin October 15; however, this target date is flexible to accommodate future funding opportunity deadlines.

Key Elements

- All full-time Salisbury University faculty are eligible.
- Each award will be a maximum of \$12K.
- Up to three awards will be given per fiscal year.
- External agency proposal description is a required component of submission.
- Final award decisions will be made by an evaluation panel from the University Research Council with input from experts in the field of study, as needed.

Application Process

- Prior to submitting the application, notify the Director of Sponsored Programs of Intent to Apply
- Following discussion with Director, OSP, complete Proposal Cover Sheet, including signatures from department chair and dean
- Attach a 5 page project description and project budget. The proposal will be reviewed using the rubric shown below.
- Attach the RFP, solicitation or program announcement for which the applicant will be applying.
- Send the application packet to Teri Herberger, Director of Sponsored Programs, Graduate Studies and Research ttherberger@salisbury.edu

Proposal Evaluation

Each proposal will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Current relevance of topic and ability of proposal to establish a compelling case based on scholarly, creative, and/or scientific merit.
- Clarity of goals and expectations for the project
- Clearly defined and suitable approach for external funding
- PI credentials and ability clearly match proposal goals and provide opportunity for success
- Overall strength of the proposal

“BUILDING RESEARCH EXCELLENCE” - REVIEWER’S RUBRIC

1. How compelling was the scientific, scholarly or creative merit of this project? (scale 1-5)

Not compelling 1	2	3	4	Very compelling 5

2. How clear were the goals of the research or creative endeavor? (scale 1-5)

Not clear 1	2	3	4	Very clear 5

3. Is the external funding opportunity clearly defined and suitable for the intended project? Is the deadline reasonable? (scale 1-5)

Not convinced 1	2	3	4	Convinced 5

4. Does the applicant have the necessary scholarly/creative credentials to complete the project? (scale 1-5)

Not clear 1	2	3	4	Very clear 5

5. What was the greatest strength of the application? (1-3 sentence answer)

6. What single improvement would make the greatest impact on the application (e.g. more clear methods, preliminary results, compelling merit, etc.)? (1-3 sentence answer)

**Building Research Enhancement Grants Program
PROPOSAL COVER SHEET**

Applicant Name:		Department:
Rank:	Office Phone:	E-Mail:
Title of Proposal:		
Name of Agency for proposal submission:		
Funds Requested:	\$	Start Date:
		End Date:

Provide a 200 word project summary and a 1 page itemized budget:

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ENDORSEMENTS:

Applicant:

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Typed Name	Signature	Date

Dept. Chair:

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Typed Name	Signature	Date

School Dean:

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Typed Name	Signature	Date