Internal Awards
at
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What is ORSP?

• ORSP helps faculty to identify new grant opportunities; prepare and submit competitive proposals (pre-award)

• ORSP helps faculty to manage non-financial aspects of their grants from award to close-out (post-award)
What are internal awards?

- Internal opportunities to apply for funding a range of activities
- Can assist in research, creative, and scholarly efforts
Internal Awards and Post-Award Services

• Services to help you manage your award:
  – Management of accounts
  – Requisitioning of materials and supplies
  – Approving of employment paperwork and student timesheets
  – Processing travel requests
  – Monitoring of award balances

• ORSP is responsible for administering the process but is not involved in the selection process
Separately Budgeted Research

- Awards are for projects involving scholarly, creative, or research efforts over the summer months

- Can apply for a summer stipend and expenditures

- Maximum request is $5,000
Separately Budgeted Research Award Examples

• Summer stipend to compose portions of an opera

• Funds to purchase chemicals and reagents

• Travel to sites to libraries with archival collections
Student Faculty Scholarship

• Awards support research projects where students work with faculty. The focus is on the student.

• Creative arts that appropriately involve students are also eligible

• Maximum request is $2,000 with majority allocated to student stipend
Student Faculty Scholarship Award Examples

• Students received stipends to conduct a study on the development of language in infants

• Student traveled to a conference to present a paper based on his research

• Students received funds to attend a regional dance festival
Summer Grant Proposal Development

- Enable faculty to write and submit proposals to government agencies or foundations for programs, research, training, etc.

- Funds faculty summer stipends

- Maximum request amounts:
  - $4,000 per person or $6,000 per team for a proposal that may lead to funding over $40,000
  - $3,000 per person or $5,000 per team for a proposal that may lead to funding between $39,999-$25,000
  - $2,000 per person or $4,000 per team for a proposal that may lead to funding between $24,999-$10,000
Summer Grant Proposal
Development Award Examples

• Potential funders identified by past awardees:
  – National Science Foundation
  – Agency for International Development
  – National Institutes of Health
  – National Endowment for the Humanities
  – Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
  – March of Dimes
  – Spencer Foundation
  – New Jersey Council for the Humanities
  – New Jersey Department of Education
University Distinguished Scholar

- Recognition of a faculty member with a distinguished record of scholarly or creative achievement

- One award per fiscal year
  - 12 credit hours of release time
Average Awards

• Separately Budgeted Research
  – 11 out of 34 applications funded
  – Average award: $3,700

• Student Faculty Scholarship
  – 2 out of 2 applications funded
  – Average award: $2,000

• Summer Grant Proposal Development
  – 9 out of 15 applications funded
  – Average award: $4,400
Tips for a successful award

- Carefully review each award’s guidelines to determine which one best fits your project

- Fill out the application completely and in the correct order

- Review the evaluation criteria and be sure to address them in your application
Tips continued

• Ensure that your budget adds up and does not exceed the maximum request amount

• Describe clearly your expenses in your budget narrative

• Give yourself plenty of time to submit
Internal Awards Process for FY2015

• Next round will fund projects beginning July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Summer Grant Proposal Development awards begin June 1, 2015

• December 2014: next cycle announced. Guidelines and applications available on ORSP website

• February 13, 2015: applications due to your Dean’s office. Applications are then reviewed by your college committee
FY2015 Process continued

• Forwarded applications are then distributed to the University Research Committee for their review

• Funding decisions are announced in Spring 2015
Questions?