UNIVERSITY RESEARCH COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT
Summer Grant Proposal Development (SGPD)

The total amount of funding for this competition has not yet been determined.

The calendar below lists the governing dates for applications and recommendations:

03/04/16 Final date for submission of SGPD applications to Academic Deans

04/01/16 Academic Deans forward recommended SGPD applications to Office of Research and Sponsored Programs for forwarding to University Research Committee

05/09/16 University Research Committee sends SGPD recommendations to Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Spring 2016 Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs will notify SGPD applicants of decision once funding has been secured

Each College/School has a duly constituted Research Committee and has a representative to the University Research Committee. Applicants are encouraged to seek guidance from their College/School’s Research Committee. Copies of proposals submitted in the past are on file in the Dean’s Office in each College/School.
Faculty as individuals or teams who are endorsed by their deans may apply for summer stipend money to prepare a grant proposal(s) to foundations or government agencies for programs, research, training, or creative activity.

The following guidelines have been developed for use by the faculty of the University. They are meant to serve as a framework both for individuals who apply for financial support and for those who evaluate the proposals submitted.

ELIGIBILITY
Any full-time tenured or tenure-track faculty member of the faculty is eligible to apply for a Summer Grant Proposal Development summer stipend to prepare a grant proposal to a funder which may lead to external funding.

For a grant proposal that may lead to funding of:
- $40,000/year or more, faculty can request a maximum stipend of $4,000/person or $6,000/team (two or more faculty)
- between $39,999-$25,000/year, faculty can request a maximum stipend of $3,000/person or $5,000/team (two or more faculty)
- between $24,999-$10,000/year, faculty can request a maximum stipend of $2,000/person or $4,000/team (two or more faculty)

No more than one Summer Grant Proposal Development proposal per faculty member or team will be considered for each year.

The Summer Grant Proposal Development funding will begin on June 1, 2016 following the award announcement and continue to June 30, 2017.

In order to avoid the potential of a conflict of interest, faculty members who serve on the Colleges/Schools’ Research Committees or the University Research Committee may not submit an application to the Summer Grant Proposal Development, Separately Budgeted Research, Student Faculty Scholarship or University Distinguished Scholar programs.

APPLICATION
The University Research Committee (URC) has developed a standard application form, which is attached to these guidelines. Proposals should provide the information requested on the funding application form which is attached. Applications are due in the Academic Dean’s Office by March 4, 2016. Check with your Dean’s Office for the number of copies the College/School Research Committee will need. The Dean’s Office will forward the signed originals to the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (CO309) by April 1, 2016. The URC will review the applications submitted and will forward its recommendations to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

EVALUATION
The Department Chairperson (or designee), the College/School Research Committee, and the Academic Dean are involved in the review process. The evaluation within each college/school is consistent with the aims and goals of the SGPD program, and guided by the following:

1. **Merit of the project considers the following:**
   - Relative importance of scholarship to the individual faculty member, to the college/university, and to the field
   - Whether the proposed project is connected to some larger area of scholarship and builds on previous work in the field
   - How innovative is the proposed project
   - Potential impact of the proposed project to the field

2. **Feasibility of the project considers the following:**
   - Evidence as to whether the proposed project can be completed given the current environment, resources and the proposed time period
   - Whether the stipend request is appropriate
   - Evidence that the potential funding request to an external funder is realistic
   - Degree of knowledge about an external funder(s), including their mission, funding priorities, past awards, etc.

3. **Quality of the proposal considers the following:**
   - Application completeness and adherence to the published guidelines
   - How well the basic purpose and significance of the project are clearly stated so that they are understood by individuals not in the related field
   - Applicant’s effectiveness in marketing themselves
   - Writing quality

4. **Evidence of successful completion of previous projects based on submitted final reports**

**College/School level evaluators will assign a priority category for funding to each application.**

**A. Strong** - High Priority

**B. Good** - Moderate Priority

**C. Adequate** - Low Priority

**D. Not recommended, and not forwarded to ORSP.**

If application(s) with a ‘D’ rating either by the Dean, College/School or both are forwarded to the University Research Committee, the application(s) will be promptly returned to the Dean’s Office without review by the University Research Committee.

**ACCOUNTABILITY**

In order to ensure continued support from Montclair State University, the procedures to be followed by the recipients of an award are:
A final grant proposal to an external funding agency must be submitted no later than June 30, 2017. **Awardees that do not submit a proposal to an appropriate granting agency by June 30, 2017 will be ineligible to apply for future funding.**

**AWARD OF SGPD SUPPORT**
Each candidate or team will be advised of the status of their application by late in the Spring semester. Final notification of approval will come only after MSU’s budget is signed by the Governor and the proposal is approved by the University administration.

**PURPOSE**
The primary purpose of the award is to permit a faculty member(s) to focus on preparing/writing a major proposal for external funding in the summer months. It is not intended for initial support of pilot research which may lead to an external proposal(s); Separately Budget Research is the more appropriate program for this purpose. Teaching summer classes is permitted.

**STIPEND**
Stipends are paid in two installments, the initial payment (60%) in summer of 2016 and the final payment after submission of the proposal to an external agency. In addition, Summer Grant Proposal Development awardees cannot receive their final payment if the total amount requested in their grant proposal to an external funder does not match the eligibility requirements above.

For example, a Summer Grant Proposal Development awardee that was awarded a total stipend of $4,000 must submit an external proposal for at least $40,000/yr or more to receive their final payment.

For proposals submitted by a team, indicate on the attached funding cover sheet how the stipend is to be divided between or among team members.

**HUMAN SUBJECTS**
Where human subjects are to be used, assurance must be given concerning their physical and psychological safety. If you are using human participants, you must submit an Application for Review of Research Involving Human Participants to the Institutional Review Board (IRB). Guidelines for the use of human participants are available at [http://www.montclair.edu/ORSP/irb/](http://www.montclair.edu/ORSP/irb/)

**REVISIONS**
Significant revisions of a project subsequent to the award and during the course of the project must be reviewed by the URC.
UNIVERSITY RESEARCH COMMITTEE
SUMMER GRANT PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING APPLICATION
FY2017

Due in Dean’s Office by March 4, 2016

Directions

☐ Complete and sign the funding cover sheet

☐ Attach to the funding cover sheet, three single spaced or six double spaced pages discussing these items the following order by title:

1. **Summary:** a one-paragraph summary in plain language so that others outside your discipline are able to quickly understand the project
2. **Potential Sponsors:** discuss potential funders, including the potential funding request amounts, for the proposed program, research, training, or creative activity and/or how you plan to identify other possible sponsors and submit a proposal before June 30, 2017
3. **Rationale:** provide an understanding of the rationale for the project
4. **Methods:** describe your means of inquiry
5. **Outcomes:** detail the research/project’s anticipated outcomes
6. **Value:** the value of the project to University/field, your recent accomplishments related to project (list publications in refereed journals, chapters in books, awards, participation in juried shows, musical or artistic creations)

☐ You must attach a two page CV (not included in the above page limits).

☐ If applicable, you must attach either:
  - a summary, maximum of three pages, of your most recently funded and previously submitted Summer Grant Proposal Development external grant proposal
    OR
  - a copy of your most recently funded and previously submitted Separately Budgeted Research final report, a maximum of three pages. Please give the outcomes in terms of abstracts published, books, shows, artistic productions, etc.

Check with your Dean’s Office for the number of copies your College/School Research Committee will need. The Dean will forward the **signed originals** to the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs.
UNIVERSITY RESEARCH COMMITTEE
SUMMER GRANT PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING COVER SHEET
FY2017

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Project Title:  

Inclusive Dates of Proposed Project (mm/dd/yy):  

PREVIOUS SGPD AWARDS (within the last 5 years):

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Applicant’s Signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________

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