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Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine
Office of Research & Grants
Research & Scholarly Affairs Committee
Faculty Research Grant Program
2008-2009

The purpose of providing research grants to Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine (OU-COM) faculty is to stimulate individual and collaborative basic and clinical research. These funds are not intended as long-term support of ongoing projects, but rather to increase competitiveness for funding from external agencies.

Eligibility: All Group 1 and Group 2 faculty in OU-COM are eligible for research awards as outlined in the following guidelines. In order to qualify for research awards from the Research & Scholarly Affairs Committee (RSAC), completed final reports for all previous funding through this program for the last three years (since 2005-2006) must be on file in the OU-COM Office of Research & Grants or included with this application.

Deadlines:

- Bridging Support, Pilot & Small Project Support, and Research Mentor Incentive: Two deadlines annually (Spring Quarter and Winter Quarter); Proposals will be accepted only when a call for proposals has been issued by RSAC. **The Winter Quarter 2008-2009 deadline is Jan 23, 2009.**
- Training proposals: No deadline; Proposals are accepted all year, contingent on available funds.
- Additional proposal reviews will take place as needed, contingent on available funds.

Review Process: Proposals are evaluated by RSAC, and funding decisions are made after the review.

Environmental Health and Safety and/or Research Compliance (IRB or IACUC) Approvals: If applicable, applications must include a copy of an up-to-date Environmental Health and Safety and/or Research Compliance (IRB or IACUC) approval. If the protocol is in review, applicants must indicate the date of submission on the cover page. *All awards are contingent upon any necessary Environmental Health and Safety and/or Research Compliance (IRB or IACUC) approvals. No funds may be expended until the faculty member provides proof of approval to the Office of Research & Grants.*

Restrictions (starting with the fiscal year 2002-2003 as year 1):

- No faculty member will receive funding for more than three consecutive years in the absence of efforts, as a principal investigator, to obtain research funds from sources other than OU-COM.
- No faculty member will receive funding for more than five consecutive years without obtaining research funds from sources other than OU-COM.

Award Guidelines and Reporting Requirements:

- Funds cannot be spent or encumbered prior to the beginning of the fiscal year (July 1, 2008).
- Faculty members receiving Bridging Support and Small & Pilot Project Support awards from RSAC are required to submit to the Office of Research & Grants **a midterm progress report on the funded project.** A **final report** that includes an accounting of all funds expended must be submitted to the Office of Research & Grants no later than one month following the completion of the project or the award end date, whichever comes first.
- RSAC awards are expected to be spent during the award period, **which will end on June 30, 2010.** At the end of the award period, unspent funds will be returned to the College. **There will be no extensions of the award end date.** If additional funds are necessary to continue the research project, a new proposal must be submitted to RSAC.
- Faculty members receiving awards from RSAC are required to present a poster at the Research Day event, sponsored by the College, or serve as judges for the OU-COM student poster competition on the evening prior to Research Day.

These guidelines were adopted by the Research and Scholarly Affairs Committee and approved by Dean Brose on 4/22/2008

RSAC Award Categories

Applications are considered for the following four categories:

1. Bridging Support - Up to \$25,000

- Provides bridge support where external grant funding has been lost within the past year and a request for continued funding is pending.
- **Applicants in this category must consult with the Chair of RSAC regarding their proposal prior to submission.**
- The budget cannot exceed the yearly budget of the original award.

2. Pilot & Small Project Support - Up to \$6,500

- Provides support for research. Proposals must provide an explicit plan for obtaining external funding based on the RSAC award.

3. Research Mentor Incentive - \$1,000

- Provides incentive for research mentor for *new* collaborations between OU-COM and Ohio University faculty members from two different disciplines. The research mentor must have an established and externally-funded research program. Awards transferred directly to the research mentor's research incentive account.
- Applicants must provide a research plan with a statement on the role of the mentor. The expectation is that faculty members will develop and submit a proposal for external submission by the end of the RSAC award period.
- Research Mentor Incentive awards can be submitted in conjunction with Pilot & Small Project Award proposals.

4. Research Training Support - Up to \$5,000

- Provides support to help faculty to obtain additional training in specific techniques or methods at off-site facilities so that they can better position themselves to obtain external funding and develop their research programs. Faculty may pursue training in a research lab or they may opt to enroll in a short course offered by an institution or company.
- Award may only be used for transportation, hotel, food, and other costs associated with the training program, such as registration fees and required supplies.
- Applicants must first discuss their proposal with their department chair. They must also make arrangements to have their teaching and other duties covered during their absence. **A letter of support from the department chair must be submitted with the RSAC application and must include a statement detailing how the applicant's absence will be accommodated if a training grant is awarded.**

As RSAC has limited funds available, faculty members are encouraged to apply to external sources (including the Baker Awards Fund and the Ohio University Research Committee) to support projects.