

**Fund Type:**

Engaging Undergraduate Students in Scholarship: Supplementary Startup Funds for New Faculty

Purpose:

The purpose of the fund is to encourage new tenure-track faculty to actively engage undergraduate students in their research and scholarship. One of the best opportunities to set up research/ scholarship in a way that includes undergraduate students is early in a faculty member's career. However, to do this, there are often additional supply and research support costs. This grant is offered to offset these startup costs and encourage new faculty to offer opportunities to undergraduate students interested in research and scholarship.

Eligibility:

New tenure-track faculty. Preference is given to those who are in their first or second year at the time of application.

Funding Guidelines:

Up to \$1,000 for supplies and materials. Two awards to be offered for the Brooks College of Interdisciplinary Studies. Please note this award does not include student stipends, unless students are doing work that would prepare the faculty member's research to engage additional students over an extended period of time. The award does not include faculty stipend.

Applications will require the following documents:

1. A proposal as described below
2. An updated CV
3. A research/ scholarship statement
4. A letter of support from the faculty member's department chair, or unit head.

Proposal**Section 1: Project Description and Abstract**

Provide a clear, concise description of the research project to be supported. This description should be written for a generalist audience. **(Maximum 200 words)**

Section 2: Engagement of Undergraduate Students

Explain how your research in this area will be inclusive of undergraduate researchers and scholars. **(Maximum 200 words)**

Section 3: Budget Justification

The budget justification should address the relevance of the proposed budget in terms of its relation to the proposed project. This section should also include a disclosure of all start up funds provided by internal and external sources.

Section 4: Project Description and timeline

Clearly describe the research/ scholarship to be supported and how the additional funds will allow for the inclusion of undergraduate students.

The project description must be single-spaced and cannot exceed two (2) pages.

Submission Information

The deadline for submissions is August 1, 2016. Applicants will be notified of funding status by August 15, 2016. Funds will be available at the time of notification. Faculty members will be expected to attend an Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarship (OURS) mentorship program during 2016-2017, as well as provide a summary description on their research and how undergraduate students can become involved. This description will be featured on the OURS website.

Please forward applications to Susan Mendoza, Director of Undergraduate Research and Scholarship, 230 LIB, mendozsu@gvsu.edu.

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