Allocation of Funds to Faculty Research Projects at UMC
2012-2013

Priority of Funding Considerations

Initial funding will be limited to a maximum of $10,000.

1. New Investigators – This category, which will receive first consideration, is for new faculty to assist them in launching their research agendas.
   • Description of the research proposal, importance to society, and appropriateness for UMC campus.
   • Qualifications of faculty member to work in the proposed area of research.
   • Identification of current research equipment and facilities as well as additional needs to be covered by grant.
   • A procedure and time line for the execution of the research.
   • Possibility of outside funding would be high on list.

2. New Directions – This category is for faculty who are moving into a new research area where they have had no past grants or publications.
   • Description of the research proposal, importance to society, and appropriateness for UMC campus.
   • Qualifications of faculty member to work in the proposed area of research.
   • Identification of current research equipment and facilities as well as additional needs to be covered by grant.
   • A procedure and time line for the execution of the research.
   • Possibility of outside funding would be high on list.

3. Research Equipment – This category recognizes that even the best researchers cannot be competitive if they do not have the appropriate tools of their trade. These funds are limited to critical equipment needs that will allow researchers to compete.
   • Description of the research proposal, importance to society, and appropriateness for UMC campus.
   • Qualifications of faculty member to work in the proposed area of research.
   • Identification of current research equipment and facilities as well as additional needs to be covered by grant.
   • A procedure and time line for the execution of the research.
   • Possibility of outside funding would be high on list.

4. Interdisciplinary Research – This category is designed to provide seed money for interdisciplinary research projects involving two or more departments.
   • Description of the research proposal, importance to society, and appropriateness for UMC campus.
   • Qualifications of faculty member to work in the proposed area of research.
   • Identification of current research equipment and facilities as well as additional needs to be covered by grant.
   • A procedure and time line for the execution of the research.
   • Possibility of outside funding would be high on list.
Evaluation Criteria for Selecting Projects to be Funded (priority to be assigned)

- Start-up funds for new faculty to assist them in launching their research programs.
- New directions – for faculty moving into a new research area.
- Possibility of outside or extramural supplemental funding.
- Interdisciplinary research involving UMC or faculty from other University of Minnesota campuses.
- Involvement of UMC undergraduate students and possibly graduate students from other campuses.
- Connections to UMC strategic positioning document.
- Tentative publication and outreach plans to deliver research information to target audiences.

Proposals should be submitted via email to the Academic Affairs Office (send to tbaldwin with a copy to cournia). Proposals will be reviewed by all academic Department Heads and the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.