Info to Walk Away With...

- Information about the Faculty Investment Program
- Research Ideas and Plans for Research
- FIP Proposal Guidelines
- FIP Proposal Review Process
- Where to find information online
- When and where to seek assistance
What is the Faculty Investment Program (FIP)?

Internal funding program to support research projects from any discipline at OU

Who can apply for FIP funding?

- Tenured or tenure track faculty of all ranks
- Research faculty
- Ranked renewable term faculty
- Permanent professional or technical staff members who hold the terminal degree appropriate to their discipline.
- Instructors, lecturers, adjunct faculty, visiting faculty, research personnel funded from external grants and contracts, and students are NOT eligible for this particular program
What is the Faculty Investment Program (FIP)?

How much money is available through FIP?
- Projects can be proposed with budget requests up to $15,000
- Individual investigators or teams
- An investigator is limited to one FIP grant per fiscal year
- The Research Council has a total of $250,000 allocated to fund meritorious FIP proposals.
- In FY17 (2016-2017), 64 FIP proposals were submitted and 25 were funded.

Proposals can be submitted by the 15th of the month (August-April) and will be reviewed the month at a meeting of the Research Council (3rd Thursday of the month, September-May)
## FIP Deadlines

### Deadline for Fiscal Year 2017

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<th>If you need funding by:</th>
<th>Deadline to Request CRPDE Consultation*</th>
<th>Proposal Submission Deadline</th>
<th>Research Council Review Date</th>
<th>PI Notification of Review Outcome</th>
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When should I submit my FIP proposal?

You should submit well before you need the funds.

Allow for a broad window around your funding need, in case a resubmission is requested.

Don’t wait until April!
Is this Reality Check Message Working???
FIP Success Rates: 2012-2017

Average Success Rate

Month Proposal was Reviewed

- September
- October
- November
- December
- January
- February
- March
- April
- May

36%
National Institutes of Health Success Rates

Figure 2: NIH Research Project Grants

- # of RPG’s Awarded (left scale)
- RPG Success Rate (%) (right scale)

20%
### National Science Foundation Success Rates

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<td>Awards</td>
<td>9,757</td>
<td>10,425</td>
<td>11,463</td>
<td>11,149</td>
<td>14,595</td>
<td>12,996</td>
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<td>Success Rate</td>
<td>23%</td>
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Other Interesting FIP Data (2012-2017)

Of the 299 FIP proposals submitted between 2012 and 2017:

Female PIs receive 36% of the FIP awards
  ◦ They also submit 36% of the proposals

10% of FIP proposals included named collaborators
  ◦ 7% of those collaborative proposals were funded

22% of FIP proposals are resubmitted
  ◦ Of those resubmitted, 65% are eventually funded

For FIP proposals submitted once (not resubmitted), the success rate is 40%
  ◦ If resubmissions are included, the success rate for FIP is 45%
  ◦ Resubmissions occur across all disciplinary categories
## Other Interesting FIP Data (2012-2017)

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<th>Total Proposals*</th>
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<td>Education</td>
<td>7 (2%)</td>
<td>1 (&lt;1%)</td>
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<td>Engineering</td>
<td>38 (13%)</td>
<td>15 (11%)</td>
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<td>Fine Arts</td>
<td>44 (15%)</td>
<td>20 (15%)</td>
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<td>Humanities</td>
<td>44 (15%)</td>
<td>27 (20%)</td>
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<td>Life Sciences</td>
<td>48 (16%)</td>
<td>28 (21%)</td>
<td>58%</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>23 (8%)</td>
<td>6 (4%)</td>
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<td>Physical Sciences</td>
<td>45 (15%)</td>
<td>18 (13%)</td>
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<td>Social Sciences</td>
<td>50 (17%)</td>
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*One withdrawn proposal is not included in this analysis
Where to find information about FIP

https://vpr-norman.ou.edu/research-council/funding/fip

Program Overview
Eligibility and Award Limitations
Proposal Preparation and Submission
Proposal Review
Reporting and Post-Award Requirements
FIP Proposal Sections

- Cover Sheet (required)
- **Project Description** (up to 6 pages)
- References
- Budget and Budget Justification (1 page)
- Investigator CVs (limited to 2 pages each)
- Funding History (1 page)
- Supplementary Documentation
- Resubmissions can include a 2-page cover letter summarizing revisions to the proposal
Cover Sheet Signatures

Your signatures formally indicate your consent for the proposal to be reviewed by members of the Research Council as well as possibly by other non-Council OU faculty (in a discipline generally related to your own), all of whom agree to hold in strict confidence the contents of the proposal and any recommendations made upon it.

Also, by submitting this proposal as the applicant, you agree, if funded, to review no more than three Research Council proposals in a two-year period that begins when your proposal is approved.

This is a reimbursement program. If funded, the OVPR commits to reimbursing the Department for expenditures up to the award amount. The reimbursement will be made after the completion and approval of the Final Report. The Final Report must be completed within the time frame outlined in the award letter.

- SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:
- SIGNATURE OF CO-APPLICANT(S):
- SIGNATURE OF DEPARTMENT CHAIR(S)/DIRECTOR(S):
- SIGNATURE OF DEAN(S)/ASSOCIATE DEAN(S):

NEW in 2016
## Project Description and Review

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<td>Technical and/or Creative Approach</td>
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<td>Outcome and Impact on the Field of Scholarship</td>
<td>Impact on the Field of Scholarship (Potential for Success and Originality)</td>
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<td>Rationale for Funding Request</td>
<td>Appropriateness of Budget and Justification of Resources Requested</td>
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### Scoring System:
- 1 (Excellent) to 5 (Poor) – applied to each criterion above
- Overall Proposal Rating: 1 to 5
- Reviewer Recommendation: Fund/Do Not Fund/Unable to Rate
- Full Research Council Vote: 1 to 5
Info to Walk Away With...

- Look at the great information online about the Faculty Investment Program (https://vpr-norman.ou.edu/research-council/funding/fip)
- Consider both the guidelines AND the review criteria to address what is needed in a FIP proposal
- Justify in detail the plan for HOW to conduct the proposed research and HOW the funds will be spent in direct support of that research
- Remember that the Research Council consists of faculty from all disciplines, all of whom vote on the funding recommendation for proposals; therefore, write proposals to appeal to an intelligent audience with a variety of disciplinary backgrounds
Where can you get help?

Center for Research Program Development and Enrichment (CRPDE) – crpde@ou.edu
- Susan Dubbs (sdubbs@ou.edu) - Research Council Secretary
- Alicia Knoedler, Cindy Clark, Todd Fuller, Marilyn Korhonen, Quyen Wickham

What if I am looking for other types of internal funding?

http://facultydevelopment.ou.edu/faculty-enrichment/ - scroll down to the OU Internal Funding section
Questions?