



# Investing in Faculty Research, Scholarship, and Creative Work

The Office of the Vice President for Research and Innovation (OVPRI) supports and advances high-impact research, scholarship, and creative activity through various internal funding programs. With an annual investment of more than \$1 million, OVPRI facilitates new interdisciplinary engagement, preliminary data and feasibility studies, and provides time and support for the development of new artistic projects and scholarly works. Through Research Development Services, funding is available to enhance the competitiveness of proposals through external review and visualization services.



## Faculty Research Award

- Up to \$10,000 per award for a 12-month project
- Request for applications (RFA) released in fall term with a mid-January deadline

This award provides funds for scholarship, creative projects, and research for eligible faculty across the UO. The goal is to provide support to faculty who do not currently have active funding for their research. Faculty are expected to achieve key research milestones appropriate for the proposed research, such as completion of book chapters and/or articles, conference presentations, and/or student engagement in research.

## OVPRI Research Seed Grants

- Up to \$25,000 for Track 1 (Single faculty, 12-month projects)
- Up to \$50,000 for Track 2 (Multiple faculty, up to 24-month projects)
- RFA released in fall term with a mid-January deadline

These grants support faculty in acquiring preliminary data and developing a competitive proposal for significant external funding. Clear justification of funding need (e.g., mid-career research transition, new research collaboration, etc.) is required, as is a specific target(s) for funding opportunities. External funding targets must reflect a strong return on investment of seed funds. Faculty are expected to submit at least one external proposal within six months of project completion. Additional outcomes, such as publications, conference presentations, and student mentorship are expected as appropriate for the discipline.

## UO Foundation Trustee Excellence Grant

- Up to \$50,000 per award for a 24-month project
- RFA released in winter term with a mid-March deadline

This grant aims to advance exceptional research, scholarship, or creative work by faculty in ways that translate to significant impact—be that contributions to their field of scholarship, the discovery of new knowledge, and/or meaningful connections and partnerships with communities. Up to two awards annually will be made to faculty who demonstrate a plan to advance high-impact scholarship and research in instances where faculty resources and/or external funding opportunities are limited. Student participation in the proposed research is highly encouraged. Faculty are expected to achieve key research milestones appropriate for the proposed efforts, such as significant progress on monographs, works of art/installations, or the collection of robust preliminary data for future proposals.

## OVPRI Strategic Investment Fund

- Up to \$85,000 for Track 1 (planning or immediate opportunity, 12-month projects)
- Up to \$250,000 for Track 2 (opportunistic investment, 24–36 month projects)
- RFA released in fall term with a rolling deadline
- Subject to available funding

This fund is designed to provide the support and capacity to position research teams for success in securing a major, center-scale grant opportunity or a series of investments (federal, state, philanthropic) in a strategic research area. The Track 1 award provides funding for researchers to pursue immediate opportunities for major submissions (e.g., new center grant funding opportunity announcement) or engage in strategic planning in preparation for a Track 2 proposal. The Track 2 mechanism is designed to provide significant development capacity to engage in multi-year proposal development and project execution for a transformative research center proposal. Faculty are expected to achieve the proposal development and submission milestones articulated in their proposal.

## Research Development Support

Research Development Services (RDS) provides comprehensive proposal development support to faculty applying for external funding opportunities, including writing and editing services, project management, coordination of institutional support, and more. We also offer opportunities for faculty to secure additional funding and/or resources to enhance the competitiveness of their submissions.

### External Proposal Review

The OVPRI can support external review by a peer in a researcher's field. Faculty may apply for \$300 honoraria that are typically matched by their own funds. These amounts may vary based on the reviewer and the applicant's need. Matching honoraria funds for faculty in the humanities and humanistic social sciences are provided by the College of Arts and Sciences and OVPRI.

### Graphic Design and Visualization

Faculty may work with RDS to secure visualization services that enhance their proposals for external funding. Depending on the project, we can work with in-house staff or contract with local resources or nationally known scientific illustrators and animators.