

FAQ: 2021 Faculty Research Awards

1. *Am I eligible to apply?*

The following ranks are eligible to apply for Faculty Research Awards:

(1) Assistant, Associate, and Full Professors

(2) Non tenure-track faculty who hold a full-time appointment (1.0 FTE) that includes substantial research responsibilities, who have been employed by the University of Oregon for at least three years at the time of application, and who will hold a UO appointment during the academic year of the research award (2021-2022).

2. *Who is not eligible to apply?*

Emeritus, courtesy, visiting and adjunct appointees and part-time non-tenure track faculty.

3. *Is matching support required?*

Matching support is not required.

4. *What are the funding restrictions?*

Faculty Research Award funds cannot be used to replace faculty tenure-line salary during the academic year, buy out courses, or for construction or renovation.

5. *I'm applying for a summer stipend that allows me an eight-week period to devote to my research and writing. Will any funds be withheld from my award?*

Faculty Research Awards that furnish summer stipend are processed through payroll. This means that they incur withholding of OPE (Other Payroll Expenses). Your payment will reflect these withholdings. For an estimate of the amount that will be withheld, please review the [OPE tools](#) provided by Budget and Resource Planning.

6. *I am involved in a collaborative project. Can collaborators split a Faculty Research Award?*

Faculty Research Awards can be awarded for collaborative projects. If more than one researcher or investigator is involved in a collaborative project, they are welcome to apply for a Faculty Research Award as a team, with the understanding that a single award will be made to two (or more) researchers or investigators. The award limit remains \$7,000.

7. *How should I estimate research expenses on my budget?*

Be as specific as possible about your expenses and how you arrived at them. For travel, lodging and per diems, consult the Business Affairs office. Your departmental accountant, director of graduate studies, or director of undergraduate studies may be able to help with other items.

8. *If awarded a Faculty Research Award, may I apply to the program later? After how long an interval?*

You may re-apply three years after receiving a Faculty Research Award, as long as you turned in your final report. You should propose a research project that is distinctly different from the one which was previously awarded a Faculty Research Award, although findings from your earlier research may be relevant to your new project.

9. *Must my project commence on July 1 and end on June 30 the following year? What if my project is more limited and intensive, time-wise?*

The award period is from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. All projects must take place *within* this period; they do not necessarily need to take place for the duration of this period. No funds will be released prior to July 1, 2021. All funds should be expended by June 30, 2022.

10. *What are the proposal components?*

1. Online Application Form (<clickable link>)

a. Information Requested:

- i. Name, Project Title, Department, Year Started at UO, Tenure Status, Rank, Co-PIs, Total Budget Request, Other Project Support and Explanation, Compliance, Department Head & Email, and Department Grant Administrator

b. Department Head or Dean Approval: Form routed to Department Head or Dean for approval upon submission.

2. Application Materials (*this document*)

a. Project Narrative: (*3-page limit, single-spaced, not including references*)

- i. Significance and Contribution; Concepts and Methods; Work Plan; Competencies, Skills, and Access; Final Product and Dissemination; and Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Antiracism

b. Curriculum Vitae (*2-page limit*)

c. Budget Justification (*1-page limit*)

[Templates available Faculty Research Awards website.](#)

11. *What are examples of proposal projects that further the principles of Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Antiracism (IDEA)?*

Examples include but are not limited to: (1) A history faculty's research topic examines the Federal policies that lead to racial discrimination in lending during the twentieth century. (2) A math faculty plans to hire a graduate student from a minoritized population to work on big data analysis, and will mentor them to give a presentation at a conference. (3) A computer science faculty plans to present her research on a new programming language for robotics at the local science summer camp for girls.

12. *If I have references or citations as part of my project statement, should these be included in a bibliography? Would this count as part of my three-page statement of work?*

You may include one page of citations that does not count in the three-page limit for the narrative.

13. *Can I request proposal development assistance from Research Development Services?*

Yes. Research Development Services can provide feedback on proposals if requests for review are submitted at least 5 business days in advance of the deadline. While RDS administers the internal award programs, RDS staff are not involved in the review and funding decision process.