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SFSA is part of FRACASF

1. Faculty Research Travel Fund
2. Preparation and Publication of Papers and Exhibitions or Creative Works Fund (PPP&E)
3. Faculty Research and Creative Activities Award
4. Support for Faculty Scholars Award

Faculty Research Travel Fund

- Largest fund: $205,000
- Must present at a conference
- $850 max per faculty

PPP&E

- Examples of fundable activities and typical cost categories: graphic preparation, technical services, and publicity; copying, pre- or re-prints and page charges; disks, tapes, other supplies, and postage.
- $18,000 Fund
- $500 max per faculty
Faculty Research and Creative Activities Award

- $197,000 Fund
- Awards up to $10,000
- Submissions once per year

SFSA

- Fund of $55,000
- Maximum award of $2000
- Applications submitted twice a year
- Support faculty in organizational phases of work; new areas of scholarship; dissemination of original scholarship and/or engagement in professional collaborations

Who Reviews SFSA?

- Faculty members of Research Policy Council
- At least one faculty from each college

Proposal Preparation

- Limited text - 1500 words
- Write to an educated reviewers outside your field
- Appropriate mechanism
Is it Appropriate?

**Yes**
- Travel to collect data, collaborate with others
- Develop a new technique
- Work that can be disseminated outside WMU
- Hire RA, student help, necessary supplies if justified

**No**
- Travel to present research
- Work of the unit (e.g. develop an assessment plan)
- Quality improvement of the unit or an element of the unit
- Buy new computer
- Student Research

Elements of a Proposal

- “Describe proposed work”
- Succinct
- Jargon is costly
- Problem statement is a MUST

Timeline

- Can it be accomplished in one year? How?
- Methods have to be executable in a reasonable time frame

Connection to Previous Work

- FRACAA or SFSA
- Builds on previous work to contribute to the discipline
- Original work? How does it contribute?
- Brief but clear
- Complete review of literature is NOT needed
Budget

- Justification is key!
- If project exceeds $2000, how will the overage be covered?
- Be reasonable- student pay rates, participant incentives, supplies needed

Successful Proposals

- Written for the audience
- Clear and succinct
- Justified budget
- Appropriate timeline

Some SFSA Data

Funding by Colleges

- Started in 2008
- Most proposals are funded
- $199,569 funded since 2008

- CAS- 48.2%
- CAV- 1%
- CEHD- 7%
- CHHS- 3.7%
- CFA- 23.7%
- HCoB- 6.5%

Questions?