

**Spring 2022 Research AWA (RAWA)**

Faculty members in the College of the Sciences and Mathematics are invited to apply for the research AWAs that are available for the Spring 2022 semester.

**Deadline: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 11:59 pm.**

**All materials must be submitted as a single PDF via email to [swalsh@wcupa.edu](mailto:swalsh@wcupa.edu).**

**Program Purpose, Eligibility, and Scope**

The purpose of the research AWA is to support and encourage faculty scholarly research by the College of the Sciences and Mathematics faculty. The maximum award is three credits AWA.

**Eligibility**

Tenured or tenure-track regular faculty members with an appointment in the College of the Sciences and Mathematics are eligible to apply. Priority will be given to proposals where student involvement is clearly demonstrated in the scholarly activity. **Faculty receiving research AWAs from any unit within WCU for the 21-22 academic year are not eligible to apply for RAWA for the Spring 2022 semester.** Awards made through this RFP are for the Spring 2022 semester only. Faculty receiving these AWAs cannot use them for overload purposes.

**Scope**

Research AWAs are awarded from discretionary AWAs available to the Dean of the College of the Sciences and Mathematics.

**Application Guidelines**

- Submit your proposal as a single PDF file.
- Incomplete applications or proposals with multiple files will not be reviewed.

The RAWA provides an opportunity for faculty to devote time to further their scholarly activities. The RAWA award is a scholarly product that carries merit in the teacher-scholar models of many departments and by tenure and promotion committees. Therefore, the quality of the applications is expected to be commensurate with professional and academic standards. The application for a RAWA award must consist of the following materials:

- 1) **Cover Sheet** - Please use the attached cover sheet only. The cover sheet must include the department chair's signature and the total breakdown of the faculty's current Fall 21-Spring 22 workload. Please note that the department chair's signature implies that the departmental resources needed to support the project will be provided and that the proposal is consistent with the applicant's statement of expectations.

- 2) **Narrative Description** - A maximum of three pages, single-spaced, 0.75-inch margin, 12-pt font. A narrative description of the proposed project that contains the components listed below must be provided. The parts of the proposal should be labeled, using the topics below as section headings. The evaluation of the proposal will be based, in part, on how the narrative description addresses these topics:
- a) **Purpose and Significance** - Address the intellectual merit and the scholarly importance of the proposed project. Describe the research question to be answered or the scope and purpose of the creative work. Describe how the research will add to the body of scholarship in the discipline. Use language that can be understood by a colleague who is not an expert in the discipline.
  - b) **Recent Accomplishments** - Provide a general description of scholarly output over the last three years. New faculty members applying for RAWA can add the accomplishments from their past research experience, if they have not been at WCU for three years.
  - c) **Dissemination of Results** - Describe how the results of the project will be disseminated to the campus, scholarly, and/or creative community. Describe papers, presentations, books, and other scholarly products that are anticipated as a result of the work. Describe the likelihood of completion of these scholarly products and any anticipated obstacles to their completion.
  - d) **Outcomes and Deliverables** - Describe the scholarly growth and development anticipated for the RAWA applicant in Spring 2022. Describe other scholarly opportunities that might become available to the applicant following the completion of this project. If applicable, describe anticipated educational outcomes for students involved in the project. If applicable, describe how other sources of funding might be identified for a subsequent project or continuation of the project, such as grant proposals to be submitted or partnerships to be developed.
- 3) **Résumé** - Two pages. Please include relevant qualifications, experience, publications, and applicable research grants.

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