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Annual WCU/PASSHE Funding Opportunities

1. Provost Research Grant

The Provost Research Grant (PRG) supports faculty research, scholarship, and the production of scholarly/creative outputs; all of which must demonstrate student impact.

- Grants may be awarded up to \$10,000 (including summer salary)
- Approximately 10-14 projects will be funded
- The funding period may be up to 2 years

The call for proposals will be shared in late September, 2023 and faculty awarded projects will be announced in late November, 2023. All projects will start around August 1, 2024 with a Proposal Development Workshop held in October.

2. Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Faculty Professional Development Council (FPDC) Annual Grant Program

The FPDC annual grant program is intended to support projects that provide professional growth opportunities for individual faculty and encourage student success.

- Grants may be awarded up to \$8,000
- The funding period may be up to 18 months

Call for Proposals will be released in November 2023 with an internal due date of early January 2024 and funding announcements in April 2024.

Highlights of Recent WCU Faculty External Grant Awards

Laquana Cooke, English, College of Arts & Humanities

Expanding iCAMP toward Humanities Inquiry and Public Facing Engagement, National Endowment for the Humanities, Awarded: \$60,000

This grant will expand iCAMP Academy by offering critical pedagogical experiences, digital skills, and DIY cultural practices through a lens of public digital humanities (DH).

Angela Clarke, Psychology, College of Sciences and Mathematics

Preparing Psychology Doctoral Students to Provide Integrated Behavioral Health Care for Substance Use and Trauma-related Disorders, Health Resources and Services Administration, Awarded: \$1,109,658

The Graduate Psychology Education project will prepare 20 students in the APA-accredited PsyD Program to provide evidence-based, integrated behavioral health care in interdisciplinary teams serving youth and adults with substance use and trauma-related disorders.

Brandon Mitchell, Physics, College of Sciences and Mathematics
Increasing the Persistence of STEM Majors through Nanoscience-Themed Activities that Support Academic, Professional, and Personal Engagement and Development, S-STEM, National Science Foundation, Awarded: \$999,100

Biology, Earth & Space Sciences, Chemistry, Mathematics, and Physics & Engineering will recruit low-income, high-achieving STEM majors into the WCU Scholarships in STEM (S-STEM) Program and retain them through a series of evidence-based academic, professional, and personal engagement and development activities.

Simon Condliffe and Matt Saboe, Economics, College of Business & Public Management

An Economic Impact Analysis of Pennsylvania's Beer Industry, Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, Awarded: \$98,126

This study will quantify the economic impacts of Pennsylvania's beer industry on employment, sales and value added by county from direct, indirect and induced effects.

Zachary Wooten, Honors College

"I Saw it on Tik Tok: The Nun, the Mormon, and Ex-vangelical." Louisville Institute, awarded: \$29,679

This study will explore how North American Christian leaders share their stories and views via TikTok offering alternative paradigms of community, religious expression, and leadership.

Melanie Vile, Biology, College of Sciences and Mathematics

Wetland Ecosystem Monitoring, Alberta Environment and Protected Areas, Canada, awarded: \$54,654

This project will conduct an investigation of Cause monitoring of nitrogen (N) and sulphur (S) deposition from oil sands development bog ecosystems.

Paul Sylvester, Early & Middle Grades Education, College of Education & Social Work
Connecting Clinical Experiences for a Diverse Teacher Workforce, PA Department of Education, Awarded \$96,473

This project will create a diverse group of effective K-8 urban teachers prepared to teach the CR/SE competencies involving WCU existing programs & an induction, apprenticeship or residency program.

Please contact your WCU Grant Development Specialist, Catherine Spaur, for any questions regarding grants or to set up a meeting (CSpaur@wcupa.edu).