

## EXAMPLES OF WCU INTERNAL RESEARCH FUNDING OPEN TO ALL FACULTY

### **1. University Research Funding (URF)**

Applications are invited for the FY 2017 WCU URF competition for faculty research and scholarly activity projects to be conducted between **July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018**.

Grants will be awarded for up to \$7500 to assist in designing, undertaking, and collating appropriate pilot and/or preliminary data-collection, and for the production of significant scholarly/creative outputs that clearly support faculty professional development. The URF Committee strongly encourages the development of research projects that will lead to development of proposals for submission to external sponsors. The Committee also seeks to support projects that will directly generate a discernible product or research output whose value is recognized externally within appropriate disciplinary frameworks. In addition to requests for Alternative Work Assignment (AWA), stipends for summer work will be considered in this competition.

Applications for funding must follow the WCU URF Committee guidelines. Former URF Committee Members will be available to serve as mentors to prospective applicants wishing to discuss their ideas and pose questions about the URF grant process. The mentors will be familiar with the URF Proposal and Submission Guidelines and have been successful with grants in the past.

The deadline for submitting applications for the WCU URF competition will be **mid-December 2016**. All applications must be reviewed and signed by both the applicant's Department Chair/Supervisor and Dean/Director prior to submission to the URF Committee for funding consideration.

### **2. WCU Foundation Faculty/Student Research (FaStR)**

The West Chester University Foundation is pleased to announce the availability of new funding for faculty/student research for this academic year. The program is available to all faculty members, and the proposed project must contain a strong student research component. The Foundation is working closely with the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs to maximize the impact of these research dollars.

FaStR grants are 12 to 18-month awards for WCU faculty and students to conduct collaborative research projects that result in meaningful contributions to their respective professional fields and to their professional development. Faculty members can apply for FaStR grants by submitting a proposal before the **deadline in mid-October 2016**. Awardees are selected through an internal review process which will include input from WCU administrators, faculty, and WCU Foundation administration. Awardees will be notified of their awards no later than January 2017 so that funding can commence by the start of the spring 2017 semester. Faculty members can apply for between \$1,000 and \$10,000 in eligible expenses.

Up to approximately \$75,000 may be committed by this program during this academic year. Also, proposals leading to the submission of grant applications to external agencies will be favored.

The intent of the FaStR grants is to support research and scholarly activities conducted by WCU faculty working with undergraduate and/or graduate students. Allowable expenses include faculty salary and benefits (summers, AWA), student worker/graduate research assistant salaries and benefits, travel, materials, supplies, and equipment. Funding for travel alone is not supported by this program; rather, relevant travel as part of a research and scholarly activity project (including presentation of results or performance) is appropriate.

These funds should not be used for non-federal matching, but only for actual research projects and expenses. If a faculty member needs to propose non-federal matching, please contact the WCU Foundation to see if such funding is available via another mechanism.

### ***3. Other opportunities***

Each academic college has discretionary funding available on a competitive basis for research, scholarship, and creative activities. Please contact your college administrator for more information.

Additionally, assistance in finding internal and external funding is available at:

<http://wcupa.edu/research/findFunding.aspx>