



SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Research Proposal Incentive Fund – 2018

As the competition for research dollars becomes more intense and summer teaching opportunities are diminished because of enrollment and financial considerations, the Indiana University School of Education is implementing a pilot program to provide summer support to faculty in producing competitive externally funded research proposals. The program will provide 10% base salary (one summer month) up to a maximum of \$8,000 for full-time tenured and tenure-track faculty members at the Bloomington and Indianapolis campuses to develop and submit a proposal by October 1st the year following the support (approximately 14 months of time). Guidelines for these applications are:

1. Applicants must prepare an application that is targeted to at least one SPECIFIC federal program, and must include the agency, program name, solicitation, program announcement (PA) or request for proposals (RFP) name, number, and a URL to the RFP/PA **OR** a SPECIFIC private foundation, the program name at the foundation and the URL for the program RFP.
2. The application must contain the following sections:
 - a. An introduction which provides an overview of the proposal. This should include all information in item one above (no more than one page).
 - b. A discussion of the research that will be proposed. This section should represent a preliminary proposal to the agency with a discussion of the central question(s) under study, a short literature review, detailed methodology, and an explanation of how the application uniquely fits the targeted program. References should be included but not count in the page limit (no more than five pages).
 - c. Based on the particular RFP/PA, state the approximate dollar amount and indirect rate that would be in the final proposal to the agency.
3. Timeline and Review of Applications

Applications are due no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 1, 2018. The proposal should be sent as a single Word or PDF file to Mary Richardson (kingm@indiana.edu) in the R&D Office. Hard copy proposals will not be accepted.

The Research, Development & External Partnerships Committee of the School of Education will be the primary review committee following their review, they will recommend to the Associate Dean for Research applications that they believe would be competitive. The Associate Dean for Research will discuss these recommendations with the Executive Associate Dean and Dean for final approval. Notification of successful applicants will occur by Friday, March 2, 2018.

Although the strength of the application will be the primary consideration, priority for research incentives will go to faculty who currently are not PI or Co-PI on an externally funded project. Consideration will also be given to faculty who have never submitted an externally funded proposal. But faculty in either category should work with a senior faculty member or center director who agrees to provide assistance and advice during the process.

If the proposal is chosen for funding, attendance at a grant writing workshop will be required. This workshop will be held by the R&D Office (TBA) to assist successful applicants in shaping their eventual external grant proposals.

Depending on the strength of the applications, the research incentive fund can support between 5-7 faculty on the Bloomington campus and 2-3 on the Indianapolis campus.

4. Reporting Requirements

Successful applicants MUST notify the Associate Dean for Research when they submit an externally funded proposal. An e-mail with the proposal title, agency, funding amount requested and a copy of the abstract should be sent to Gayle Buck at gabuck@indiana.edu (within 10 days of submission). Failure to submit a proposal by the specified deadline will result in either payback of the amount received or overload teaching in one semester without compensation. You will be expected to present your research at an upcoming School sponsored event.

5. Joint Proposals

Faculty who have not previously submitted an external proposal are encouraged to collaborate with a more experienced faculty member. If a second or third faculty member is going to undertake a major component of the external proposal and/or serve as Co-PI, the application for this program may be a joint one with each faculty member receiving up to \$4,000.