The Start Over program has been created to support the general research needs of tenured associate professors and to assist them toward promotion to the rank of full professor. Awards may be used for travel, purchase of books, research materials, research assistance, or expenses related to producing scholarly publications.

Tenured associate professors may apply for research funds up to a total of $4,000 for a period of two years on a one-time only basis. Further support for associate professors is available through IU’s Institute for Advanced Study (http://ias.indiana.edu/resources-for-assoc-professors/ias-awards-for-assoc-professors/).

Applicants should submit the following:

- A short (2-3 page) CV including relevant or selected publications;
- A statement of how the requested funds will be used with a budget with justification for expenses (1-2) pages maximum);
- A brief letter of support from the applicant’s department chair.

The statement should include a brief description of the research or creative activity to be undertaken; what work, if any, has been done in preparation for the project; how the “Start Over” funding will be used and why it is essential; and how this project will increase the applicant’s likelihood of promotion.

Applicants should also indicate if there are funds currently available to them in their research accounts or on current grants and any other funds that they have requested with respect to their projects. If such funds become available, applicants must inform the Office of Research and Development (R&D).

Start Over funds cannot be used for professional memberships or as compensation to IUB faculty for writing, composing, editing, copyediting, or course release.

Applications will be reviewed by the Associate Dean for Research and Development and members of the School of Education Research and Development Committee.

Start Over fund recipients will be expected to submit a brief (2-3 page) report on the research activity conducted with the funds provided within a year of the award.

Applications can be submitted via email to Mary Richardson (kingm@indiana.edu) in the Office of Research and Development. Kindly address any questions you may have about this program to Valarie Akerson or Gayle Buck, Associate Deans for Research and Development (vakerson@indiana.edu; gabuck@indiana.edu). You will be invited to present your research at an upcoming R&D sponsored event.