New Seed Programs

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Office of Sponsored Programs

Research Development
- Proposal Development Support
- Interdisciplinary Research
- Research Investments

Core Facilities Program

Research Informatics

Science Alliance

Office of Research Integrity

Office of Undergraduate Research

Office of Community Outreach and Engagement

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Who Are We

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Director, Core Facilities
Jon Phipps, PhD

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Director, Research Development Team
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- Proposal Administrative Support
- Workshops/Training
- Internal Seed Funding
- Research Strategy
Moving Our Research Enterprise Forward

How do we increase the area under these curves?

Metric
Funding, Faculty Awards, Publications, Other...

# of Faculty
1,200

High Number
Low Number
1
Internal Research Seeds

Funds intended to support research to:

• Help increase number and quality of grant submissions

• Diversify our research portfolio and initiate new intellectual directions for our faculty

• Foster new relationships across colleges, departments or centers and external partners
Our Strategic Alignment

External Research Opportunity

Seed Funding

AVCRD Programming

External Proposal Support

Deliverables

Opportunity ID
Is an Evaluation Criteria

Research Results and Data

Strategy Plans, Workshops, Proposal Writing

External Proposal Submissions

Required
Program Goals

Community Engaged Research Seed – Support research that will positively impact our local, state, regional, and global communities

Mission Agency Research Seed – Diversify our research portfolio and increase the number of mission agency research projects

Interdisciplinary Research Seed – Grow the number and success rate of large multidisciplinary funding grants

NIH Preliminary Results Research Seed – Foster more successful proposals to life sciences programs and specifically NIH
# Community Engagement

| Award | • Amount: Up to $15,000  
|       | • 80/20 Split between ORE and College/Department  
|       | • 1 year |
| Eligibility | • Tenure and Tenure Track Faculty or special permission from ORE  
|           | • Community based research, scholarship programs, and projects  
|           | • Engagement of University of Tennessee students in project through service-learning, independent study, research or volunteer hours |
| ORE Program Alignment | • Faculty Strategy Plan  
|                     | • Potential collaboration with Undergraduate Research  
|                     | • Community Engagement and Outreach |
| Evaluation | • Internal evaluators  
|           | • Merit with significant community impact  
|           | • Long term sustainability of the project  
|           | • Opportunities for engagement with community partners |
| Deliverables | • One external proposal submission based on research  
|             | • Midway status report detailing work completed, challenges and plans for remainder of the project  
|             | • Final report detailing the impact of the work completed |
Mission Agency Program – Research Seed

**Award**
- Up to $50,000
- 80/20 split between ORE and College/Department
- 1 year
- $20,000 cost share per year on successful grants over $100K/year

**Eligibility**
- Tenure and Tenure Track Faculty or special permission from ORE

**ORE Program Alignment**
- Faculty Strategy Plans
- Proposal Writing Institute (PWI)
- Develop elevator pitch

**Evaluation**
- Internal and external evaluators*
- External funding potential and feasibility
- Research innovation and differentiators
  
  * Depending on Availability

**Deliverables**
- One external proposal submission based on research
- Identification of new potential external sponsors
- Mid-term and final report
Interdisciplinary Research Program

**Award**
- Amount: Up to $75,000
- 80/20 Split between ORE and College/Department
- 1 year

**Eligibility**
- Tenure and Tenure Track Faculty or special permission by ORE
- Must have a minimum of two PI’s each from a different discipline and department
- Multi-institutional collaborations will require separate funding commensurate with their research effort to support their own faculty

**ORE Program Alignment**
- Faculty Strategy Plans
- Proposal Writing Institute (PWI)
- FUSION*  
  * Suggested

**Evaluation**
- Internal and external evaluators*
- External funding potential and feasibility
- Research innovation and differentiators  
  * Depending on Availability

**Deliverables**
- One proposal submission based on research
- Identification of new potential external sponsors
- Mid-term and final report

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### Life Sciences/NIH

| Award | • Up to $50,000  
|       | • 80/20 split between ORE and College/Department  
|       | • 1 year |

| Eligibility | • Tenure and Track Faculty or special permission from ORE |

| ORE Program Alignment | • Faculty Strategy Plans  
|                       | • Proposal Writing Institute (PWI)  
|                       | • Develop elevator pitch |

| Evaluation | • Internal evaluators  
|           | • Significance, innovation, and approach to NIH review criteria, feasibility for NIH R-level, clear priority alignment  
|           | • Research innovation and differentiators |

| Deliverables | • One proposal submission based on research  
|              | • Identification of suitable external funding programs  
|              | • Mid-term and final report |
Thank You and Questions

For more information or questions, please send email to AVCRD@utk.edu