

MULTIDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH PROJECT AWARD (MURPA)

FY18 Award dates:

Spring: January 1- June 15, 2018

Summer: May 1- August 31, 2018

DEFINITION: Multidisciplinary research projects are defined as those that involve two or more investigators from different disciplines that focus different perspectives and capabilities on complex problems that intersect established areas of study.

GENERAL:

- Two awards for multidisciplinary research projects may be made, for up to \$7,500 each.
- They are intended as **seed money** to develop pilot data for proposals to be submitted to governmental agencies, foundations, or industries.
- Funds are restricted to WSU faculty project expenses.
- Awards may be requested for either Spring (January 1st - June 15th) or Summer (May 1st - August 31st).
- Proposals are reviewed by the Senate Faculty Support Committee.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Full time current probationary and tenured faculty members are eligible.
- A faculty member may only participate on one application as a PI or Co-PI in any round of funding
- Those who request summer funding may hold no more than a 10-month appointment and have no teaching or other concurrent appointment or employment at WSU or elsewhere during two summer months. Summer pay is limited to those pay periods not allocated to the 9 months academic pay.
- Awardees are expected to resume their appointments at WSU in fall for the next academic year.
- Endowed/distinguished professors, temporary, and visiting faculty are ineligible.
- A faculty member may receive only one of the following in a fiscal year: a MURPA, a University Research/Creative Projects Award (URCA), or an Award for Research/Creative projects in Summer (ARCS).
- Faculty receiving a MURPA award are ineligible in this competition for the following three years. If you receive a MURPA this year, you are not eligible to receive one again until FY21.

DEADLINE:

- The deadline for a completed, fully signed application in the Office of Research and Technology Transfer (RTT), for either Spring or Summer, is **October 6, 2017 by 5:00pm**. **Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.**
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ALLOWABLE COSTS:

- For Spring awards, costs up to \$7,500 for salary and fringes of WSU student/technical assistants, supplies, travel, equipment, and unusual communication are allowable.
- For Summer awards, costs for the above items and WSU faculty salary and fringes are allowable, up to a total of \$7,500.
- The need for each item requested should be clearly justified.
- Roles of student/technical assistants must be clearly defined.
- Costs **not** allowed include materials readily available from the departments; travel to present findings; course development; text book writing or typing; page review; reprint and/or copy charges; internet; cell and/or land-line phone charges; dissertation preparation; food/catering service; and gift certificates/cards.
- Allowable expenses must be incurred and processed during the grant periods of Spring: January 1st - June 15th or Summer: May 1st - August 31st

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION:

- Soundness and significance of the proposed research
- Justification that the project to be conducted is a multidisciplinary project, requiring faculty from more than one discipline (faculty not necessarily from different departments);
- Validity of methodology
- Qualifications of applicants
- Adequacy of resources
- Adherence to allowable costs

AWARDS:

- Awards are made by the Vice President for Research and Technology Transfer from recommendations by the Faculty Support Committee, and subject to available funds.
- Awards will be announced late November 2017.
- Due to the nature of the funds, **NO** extensions will be allowed beyond 6/15/18 for Spring awards and 8/31/18 for Summer awards.

FINAL REPORT:

- A final report with all data/manuscripts/products generated is due in RTT within 90 days of the project end date.
- The filing of the report is a precondition to any future internal grant award.
- Please reference your grant number when submitting and send electronically to proposals@wichita.edu

What to Submit

Applications should use the section headings below in the order listed and be assembled as a single document.

PROJECT APPLICATION FORM

- Complete and return the Project Application form as part of your submission. Please note that this form includes endorsements from the Chair and Dean.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION - 5 Pages Maximum

- The text needs to include enough detail about the project so that reviewers can assess the quality, feasibility and significance of the project.
- Proposals should also be written in **plain language**. The project description is **limited to 5 pages excluding references**. Any page(s) exceeding the limitation will be removed before circulation to the reviewers.
 - Abstract
 - Provide a brief narrative in non-technical language describing the project, its overall goals and specific objectives, and the approach/methodology to be employed.
 - Background
 - Present the project to be addressed and the importance of the proposed project.
 - Methodology/approach
 - Provide both a description of and a justification for the project.
 - Why does this research lend itself to a multidisciplinary approach?
 - Explain how the different background, ability, and skills of each investigator make this a truly multidisciplinary project.
 - All investigators must have an active role in the project and the nature of their contributions to the project must be described.
 - Describe the project's design, sample size, measurement techniques, instrumentation, and data analysis.
 - Include a timetable for accomplishing specific tasks.
 - If student assistance is required, clearly delineate the activities of the faculty investigator and student.
 - Significance
 - Describe the expected outcomes and their impact on current understanding, knowledge or practice, and
 - How the project contributes to the applicant's professional development as a scholar.
 - Adequacy of resources
 - Describe relevant experience, and the space, facilities and equipment that are available.
 - Provide evidence for access to facilities elsewhere if necessary to carry out the proposed research project.
 - Planned proposal development.
 - Indicate funding agencies identified for proposal submission upon completion of this project, and include a time schedule.

CURRICULUM VITAE - (PI and Co-PIs)

- **Limit to 2 pages each individual.**
- Include date and institution of terminal degree, publications, and/or creative projects for the past 10 years (in print or accepted).
- The vitae must delineate the applicant's role in multi-authored citations (e.g., primary author, secondary author, principal investigator, co-principal investigator, data collection, data analysis, director, choreographer, etc.). .). As there are different ways of interpreting authorship order across disciplines, you must indicate your role on all publications listed or state the significance of author order for your discipline. . Failure to include this information may result in your application being deemed non-compliant.

BUDGET –

- Submit a detailed budget with an explanation justifying the amount requested under each category. See ALLOWABLE COSTS section above.
- Budget and justification of costs should be on a separate page from the Project Description and is not included in the page limit.
- If Faculty and Student/Technical Assistant salaries are budgeted, the appropriate Fringes must also be budgeted.
- Please see the Rate Sheet on the RTT website when developing your budget. Applicants are encouraged to contact the Pre-Award Team in the Office of Research and Technology Transfer for assistance in preparing their budget at 316-978-3285 or email proposals@wichita.edu.
- If appropriate, the cost of animal care and costs of disposal of radioactive wastes and hazardous wastes/biohazards must be included in the proposal budget.

SCHEDULE OF SUMMER ACTIVITIES -

- If funding is requested for a summer award, present a schedule of planned summer activities demonstrating that two summer months are available for the project.

OTHER DOCUMENTS

- If you have previously received an URCA, MURPA or ARC you are **required** to include a copy of your most recent final report.
- Other support documents may be included as appropriate.

SUBMISSION

- Fully completed applications should be returned to Karen Davis, Office of Research and Technology Transfer (RTT) either electronically to proposals@wichita.edu or hardcopy to Campus Box 7 no later than **5:00 p.m. on October 6, 2017**. Electronic applications should be submitted as one document either in Microsoft Word or as a PDF. Hardcopy applications must be single-sided. If you need help assembling your submission, please work with a member of the Pre-Award Team **prior** to submission. **Incomplete or late applications will not be reviewed.**

Failure to follow ALL application instructions may result in your application not being reviewed/considered for funding.