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Strengthening a Culture of Research Revised August 2020

The purpose of this funding opportunity, which is provided by the UTK Office of Research & Engagement (ORE), is to strengthen the research culture within academic units where less than 60% of full-time tenure/tenure-track faculty are currently externally funded. The aim is to increase the number of faculty applying for external funding; improve the quality of those applications, via internal peer review and support from ORE research development; and increase the number of faculty receiving awards.

This is the second year of the project and some changes have been made to increase the number of faculty eligible to participate in the program:

- Tenured/tenure track faculty from all departments, except Nutrition, can participate.
- Tenured/tenure track faculty from eligible departments who have not had external funding over \$300,000 as lead PI as of 11/01/2020 are eligible.
- Informational sessions about the program and the application process will be set up on an individual basis to accommodate all faculty schedules.

The program will fund up to six applications from eligible faculty. Each of the successful applications will be funded at \$1,500 as follows:

- ◇ \$500 to the faculty member.
- ◇ \$500 to each of 2 reviewers from within UTK.

Funds may be spent by the recipients in support of their scholarship and must be approved before signing the co-developed timeline and agreement.



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Things to consider:

- Intensive feedback is given from multiple reviewers. CEHHS OEF will lead and guide you along the way. This review process requires your time, willingness to dialogue, and participation.
- This program takes time, so consider the balance of your workload over the course of the timeline, which will be individually developed based upon the deadline of the proposal.
- Department Heads will be provided with a copy of the timeline to assist with faculty workload balance.
- The proposal that is being supported in this program should take priority over any other proposals being considered during the timeframe of participation in the program.

◇ Who is eligible?

- ◇ Tenured/tenure track faculty from any department, except Nutrition, who have not had external funding over \$300,000 as lead PI and do not have external funding on 11/01/2020.

◇ How do I apply?

- ◇ Applications due to CEHHS Office of External Funding (OEF) by 11/01/2020.
- ◇ Applications should describe the external funding opportunity the faculty member wants to apply to (must be a minimum of \$50,000 in direct costs and provide support for at least one year), explain why the funding opportunity is an appropriate opportunity for the faculty member, and how the funding opportunity supports the faculty member's research agenda.
- ◇ Six applications from the eligible departments will be selected to develop a full proposal.

◇ How can I get help on the application?

- ◇ Contact cehhsresearch@utk.edu to set up an individual appointment to review the program and application process.

◇ What support is provided for selected applicants for proposal development?

- ◇ Faculty will work with a member of the ORE Research Development team on proposal development as well as with CEHHS OEF and the Associate Dean of Research as necessary.
- ◇ Proposals will be reviewed by 2 reviewers from within UTK and by members of CEHHS OEF.
- ◇ Financial incentives will be provided to faculty member submitting the proposal and for faculty members reviewing proposals.