

### **Summer Research Stipend**

There are nine - \$4,000 per fiscal year - research stipends to be awarded for summer research work available for untenured tenure-track faculty. Applications are **Due November 15**. Monies will be awarded June 15 & June 30.

**Purpose:** The stipend is to afford tenure-track faculty financial support for the purpose of research or a project in order to enhance Tenure and Promotion.

**Goal:** The stipend is to ensure that those faculty who anticipate going through the tenure application process will have the documented scholarship that they need in order to succeed in their application.

Criteria for determining successful applicants includes:

- How long the applicant has been at FMU
- How long before the applicant applies for tenure
- How many peer-reviewed scholarly articles the applicant has had published (since hired at FMU)\*
- How many scholarly presentations the applicant has made (since hired at FMU)
- The quality of the project and its contribution to the applicant's respective field
  
- the committee understands that there is no set number of peer-reviewed articles required for tenure and further that the number of successful (i.e. published) peer-reviewed articles possible in the given time limit is often different depending upon academic discipline.

**Restrictions:** Recipients will not be allowed to teach in either Summer I or Summer II, but may teach Late-Spring Term.

**Application Procedure:**

Please include the following in your application:

- A cover letter which includes a reference to
  - How long the applicant has been at FMU
  - When the applicant expects to apply for tenure
- An abbreviated CV – including only those activities completed while at Francis Marion University
- A narrative describing the research project, including research procedures, anticipated outcome(s) or the projected outcome(s) of a non-research project such as an art show or recital, and how this project will contribute to the applicant's respective field.
- A letter of recommendation from the dean or department chair stating how the research or project will enhance the applicant's tenure and promotion application.

**Additional Funding:** Recipients may apply for additional funding from the Professional Development Committee for travel, supplies etc. in connection or in conjunction with the stipend (see exception below).

Applicants may apply for funding to assist in the completion of dissertation research. However, bear in mind that Professional Development will not provide funding for travel in conjunction

with dissertation research, nor dissertation research funding outside this research stipend.

**Successful Applicants:** The recipient will provide an interim report to the Provost by June 15 and will forward a copy to the Chair of the Professional Development Committee. Upon returning the following fall semester, award recipients will provide a one-page report describing the progress made on the project over the summer. This report will be due to the Provost and a copy forwarded to the Chair of the Professional Development Committee no later than August 15.

**Deadlines:** Applications are due to the Chair of the Professional Development Committee no later than **November 15** with the committee's decision no later than December 1.

Tenured faculty and non-tenure-track faculty may submit an application for any funds not awarded to tenure-track faculty, following the same guidelines. These applications will be due by January 15, with the committee's decision no later than January 30.

Applicants who do not receive the stipend are in no way to think that their project was not meritorious, and they are invited to reapply the next year. Applicants should remember that there will be more applications than stipends, that the goal of the stipend is to provide support for faculty to ensure that they will have the scholarship needed for successful tenure application, and that in addition to the research project description itself, other things, such as how much time the applicant has until applying for tenure, will be carefully considered.