Faculty Development Awards Program  
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Provost Martha Potvin and Vice President for Research Tom McCoy, through the Office of Faculty Development, invite applications for the Faculty Development Awards (FDA) Program. FDA awards will have a maximum award of $5,000. If the proposal is for a course release (tenure-track faculty only), the actual cost of the course buy-out will be funded. FDA awards will enable faculty to engage in activities that will enhance scholarship. Examples of activities include, but are not limited to the following:

♦ Travel to access specialized or unique resources (e.g. library special collections)
♦ Attendance at and/or presenting at workshops or programs (e.g. on pedagogical innovations or on research techniques)
♦ Short-term (less than one month) visits to other laboratories or institutions for the purposes of acquiring new expertise or critical background knowledge. NOTE: This program is not intended to provide support for attendance at regularly scheduled discipline-based professional meetings.
♦ Preparation and submission of a grant proposal in response to a request for proposals from federal, state or private entities.
♦ Completion and submission of a research paper to a peer-reviewed journal, or completion of a creative work.
♦ Revision of a manuscript accepted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal, and submission of the revision.
♦ Completion of a book.
♦ Research into teaching, assessment, and/or pedagogy.

FDA awards can be used to fund any of the following as long as the activity is intended to enhance scholarship:
♦ A one semester course buy-out. NOTE: The replacement cost for covering the course will be provided to the college dean. The level of support for the buy-out rate will be based on the information provided by the college’s Dean.
  • Workshop registration costs
  • Travel
  • Per diem
  • Equipment and supplies

The following process will be utilized for AY12-13:

1. A faculty member submits a request for a Faculty Development Award to her/his Department Head. In the request she/he will describe the activity they propose to engage in and indicate if the activity is for spring or fall semester of AY 12-13. The proposal should include a brief (one-page) overview that clearly describes the benefits to be gained from the proposed activities and provides a rationale based on the faculty member’s professional development goals. In addition, a budget summary and a current vita must be included.
2. The Department Head will provide an assessment of each request from her/his department and a ranking of all requests from the department to the Dean.
3. Each Dean will review the requests from her/his college and send a prioritized list, including the proposed activities and requested dollar amount in PDF format, to Marilyn Lockhart, Interim Director of Faculty Development by March 19, 2012, in care of Anne Angermeyr at annea@montana.edu. If the Dean does not support the request she/he is to notify the faculty member that her/his request is not being submitted for further consideration. A faculty committee will be appointed to review all proposals and make a recommendation to the Provost and Vice President for Research regarding proposals to be supported. Faculty will be notified of the decision in early April.
4. Faculty who are successful in securing a FDA will be expected to submit a statement of accomplishments to their Dean by February 1, 2013, for fall semester 2012 awards and July 1, 2013, for spring semester 2013 awards. The Dean will evaluate the statement and notify the Provost and the Vice President for Research of what was accomplished and whether the accomplishment was acceptable performance.

QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO ANNE ANGERMEYR AT annea@montana.edu or 994-7136

NOTE: ALL FACULTY ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THESE FACULTY DEVELOPMENT AWARDS