

# **The Presidential Research Award Program Guidelines**

The Presidential Research Award Program supports full-time faculty to develop and conduct research-based activities that will enhance their growth as scholars and the research environment at SUNY Plattsburgh.

Requests may not exceed \$5,000. **The award period is July 1 to June 30.**

**Due Date: The 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in March unless otherwise announced**

**Application: Will be released as a google form on or about March 1<sup>st</sup> each year**

Proposals for funding will be considered in three major categories:

## **1. Interdisciplinary/Collaborative Research Programs**

Research efforts, which cross disciplinary boundaries to examine a scientific, social, philosophical, artistic or educational issue or problem from multiple perspectives. The question or issue to be examined may be a basic, creative, or applied scholarly one.

## **2. Single Focused Research Programs**

Examination of a specific narrowly focused scientific, social, philosophical, artistic or educational issue or problem from the perspective of a single discipline. The question or issue to be examined may be a basic, creative, or applied scholarly one; however, the question/s must be examined from the perspective of the primary discipline of the project director/s.

## **3. Presidential Award for Enhancing the Academic Reputation of the College**

It is recognized that not all research will lead to external funding. Proposals in this category should demonstrate a clear contribution of the academic reputation of the college. In this instance, the requirement to write an external grant is replaced by a requirement to publish the results of the project in peer reviewed journal prior to applying for another Presidential Award. All other Presidential Research Award requirements apply. Linkage to the campus strategic plan or SUNY-wide initiatives is a plus.

**The format of the main proposal is as follows (attached to the google form, when released):**

Attach a project narrative (not to exceed 1 single-spaced page) addressing the following, as applicable:

- A. Brief summary of proposal project.
- B. Project design: objectives, methodology, and evaluation.
- C. Anticipated outcomes, which can lead to future external funding.
- D. Project schedule and time frame, including start and completion dates.
- E. Plans for distribution of the results and continued implementation of the project.
- F. Plan for submission of a grant to an external sponsor upon project completion
- G. Disclose other sources of support committed to the project, if any.

## **Requirements:**

Award recipients will submit a report to Office of Sponsored Research and Programs at the conclusion of the funding period. This report will detail the work completed, describe student response to the work (if appropriate), indicate steps taken to secure an external sponsor to expand and sustain the research effort, and include a self-assessment of the project.

**All recipients of category 1 & 2 Presidential Research Awards must submit a grant application to an external source to remain eligible for future Presidential Award Programs. Recipients of category 3 awards must publish an article in peer reviewed journal to remain eligible for future Presidential Award Programs.**

Note: Fellowship applications do not meet the external grant requirement. Also, if the application for external funding is unsuccessful, the awardee must agree to resubmit that application to the sponsor at least once before they will be eligible for future Presidential Awards. For category 3, articles must be published and not “in press” prior to applying for a future Presidential Research Award.

## **Ineligible Projects**

**\*\* If your project is ineligible, please contact the Office of Sponsored Research to see what other opportunities may exist.**

- A. Projects primarily instructional in nature or designed for work on a degree.
- B. Projects primarily directed toward the evaluation of existing courses or instructional materials.
- C. Funding primarily for attendance at conferences, workshops, seminars, and institutes.
- D. Service-type projects: e.g., non-credit bearing course development, non-instructional library services, orientation programs, training teaching assistants, or other administrative programs.
- E. Projects primarily concerned with developing marketable materials (e.g., books, filmstrips, videotapes, and computer programs). Preparation of these materials may be supported if they are an appropriate outlet for the faculty proposer.