Woody L. Hunt College of Business
Summer Research Incentive Program

Purpose:

To ensure that Hunt College continues to advance its research profile, research activities undertaken during the summer months will be rewarded. Aligned with our renewed focus on U.S.-Mexico trade and commerce, proposals that focus on topics that translate to the relevant applications and/or policies with respect to dynamic U.S.-Mexico business relationships or more directly focus on U.S.-Mexico trade and commerce will receive priority for funding purposes. The College will entertain proposals in all areas of research. The funded research projects are hoped to result in A* publications based on the ABDC journal list.

Incentive Program for Journal Publications

Eligibility:

Summer support may be available to faculty meeting all of the following characteristics:

1. Full-time faculty in Hunt College as of June 1st.
2. Faculty who are not already under contractual agreements regarding summer research support (this includes start-up summer funding) as of June 1st.
3. Faculty receiving a merit rating of three or higher for teaching, research, and service (i.e., three or higher in all three categories) over the two preceding calendar years.
4. Faculty without administrative appointments.
5. Faculty who do not receive more than one-ninth of other salary support during the summer.
6. Faculty who hold endowments with annual distributions of less than $15K.

Faculty members will not receive any award (as an overload payment) if a faculty member is considered to be at 100 percent pay for the summer period due to teaching, research, or any other UTEP appointments.

Procedure:

To qualify for funding associated with these research proposals, faculty members need to prepare the following documentation for research anticipated to result in journal publications:

1. Title of the proposal and the names of the authors working on the proposal.
2. Short write-up of the proposal (no more than two pages) explaining how the research supports the mission of Hunt College and the focus on US-Mexico trade and commerce. Although priority for funding will be given to proposals with a US-Mexico trade and

commerce focus, the review committee will consider proposed research on all other topics.

3. Current CV and a short description of the alignment of faculty qualifications for the proposal, including evidence of sustained success in publishing in high-quality outlets defined by A* journals in the ABDC list in the last five years.
4. Timeline and deliverables associated with the proposal and paper submission.

Submission and Review:

This documentation should be submitted to hdevos@utep.edu prior to June 1st. The Associate Dean for Faculty and Research will chair the committee consisting of faculty members in Hunt College representing all departments, who will review the proposals and provide a ranked recommendation to the Dean of the proposals that should be funded. The faculty member(s) receiving funding will be required to present their research in the following academic year in the appropriate departmental research seminar.

Anticipated Funding:

Winning proposals will be funded at $10,000 (irrespective of the number of authors associated with the project). The actual amount of summer support funding depends on available funds and may be changed at the discretion of the Dean in light of budget constraints. This academic year and given the funding to date, we anticipate funding up to seven proposals. All or part of the funding can be used for salary supplements (including benefits) and/or research-related activities. Funds must be spent or encumbered prior to the fiscal year-end deadlines, but not later than August 31 of the Summer for which the support is provided. No rollovers into the next academic year are possible. Proposals that engage undergraduate students as research collaborators and potential authors will be viewed favorably. Documenting undergraduate student participation by enrolling students in the RSRC 4033 course is essential.