

## College of Science and Mathematics Research Incentive Awards

The Research Incentive Awards represent part of the COSM effort to support and promote faculty research, grant-writing, and publications. These awards may be given in one of two ways:

- A. Three hours of re-assigned time (i.e., the equivalent of one 3-credit course release), to be taken during the Fall 2012 or Spring 2013 semester. The award recipient's department will receive the funding to hire an adjunct.

OR

- B. Up to \$3000 for the 2012-2013 academic year to either support a student assistant or graduate research assistant to aid the faculty member in their research project, or for research-related travel involving a specific research project. Note: All funds must be spent between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013. If a GRA is being employed, hiring paperwork must be received in the Dean's Office before August 1<sup>st</sup> for fall semester and by December 1<sup>st</sup> for spring semester. A summer GRA assignment must be for Summer, 2012 (not 2013), for which hiring paperwork is due by April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012. An student (undergraduate or graduate) hired as an S.A. must be employed within the period of July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013.

**Eligibility:** All tenure-track and tenured faculty are eligible to apply for these awards.

### **Application Procedure:**

Step 1: The applicants must discuss their plans with their department chair, and have the endorsement of the chair. (It may not be feasible for a department to support re-assigned time during a given academic year, and when this is the case, type (B) should be indicated on the RIA Application form.)

Step 2: The faculty member should submit the following materials:

- a. Research Incentive Award Application form.
- b. A narrative (maximum three pages) including project description, plan for accomplishing work during the award period, and anticipated outcomes. If applying for award type (B), include itemized estimates of budgetary needs.
- c. A curriculum vitae, highlighting grants and publications during the past four years.

Application materials should be submitted in a single folder or envelope to Office of the Dean, College of Science and Mathematics, by 5PM, Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

**Criteria for Selection:**

Review of applications will involve the following considerations:

1. The applicant's recent research activity and the likelihood of success of the proposed project
2. The relevance, potential scholarly worth, and potential impact of the project
3. The likelihood that the research will lead to the submission of an extramural grant
4. The career stage of the applicant (special consideration will be given to faculty within the first three years toward tenure)
5. The impact of the award on the applicant's ability to meet his or her research goals
6. Length of time since applicant last received a COSM Research Incentive Award, with priority given to those who did not receive this award last year
7. Priority will be given to faculty teaching 18 hours or more per year

**Timetable:**

- Applications due date: 5PM, Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011
- Award winners announced: Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**Post-Award Requirements:**

Award recipients are expected to:

- Submit a report by September 12, 2013 detailing the research that was conducted, and outlining any presentations, publications, or grant activity that has resulted, or is expected to result, from the research.
- Present their findings at a COSM-sponsored colloquium or seminar during the 2013-2014 academic year.
- Acknowledge the College of Science and Mathematics support in any publications resulting from the research.