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**EXPLORATORY/DEVELOPMENTAL RESEARCH GRANT (EDRG) AWARD**

**Award Description**

This award is intended to provide funds for early/conceptual stages of a research project. It is expected that successful projects would go on to further development under other extramural funding mechanisms. Funding for this award is generated through Sponsored Research Overhead (SRO) from extramural grants awarded to investigators in the College of HHS.

**Awardee Obligations**

At the end of the award period, the faculty member must submit a brief report (1-2 pages) to the Dean and Chair of the College Awards Committee describing the outcomes of the completed project. Faculty members who choose Option 2 must also include a copy of an extramural grant application, developed from this award, that they submitted as a principal investigator.

**Qualifications – Option 1**

Support of research, scholarly and creative activities, and discovery (RSCAD) - maximum award is \$2,500. This option is designed to support the development of a faculty member's sustainable program of new RSCAD. Priority will be given to faculty members pursuing RSCAD in an area where outside support is minimal, but who are still pursuing available opportunities. The proposal should indicate specific extramural funding opportunities or possible sponsors the faculty member is planning to pursue in the future.

**Qualifications – Option 2**

Seed funding for major extramural funding opportunities - maximum award is \$5,000. A goal of the College of HHS Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Award is to encourage exploratory/developmental RSCAD by providing support for the early and conceptual stages of project development. To this end, faculty may apply for funding through option 2 if an opportunity to secure a significant extramural grant/award exists as a result of the proposed work. More competitive than Option 1, this option is focused on assisting faculty in generating preliminary data for subsequent extramural grant submissions.

**Qualifications – Option 3**

Seed funding to support new collaborations between faculty in the College - maximum award is \$10,000. This option is designed to support the development of new collaborations (e.g., have never published, presented, received grant funding, etc. together) between faculty members in the College for the early and conceptual stages of project development. Priority will be given to interdisciplinary faculty collaborations (i.e., faculty from different units/departments). The proposal should indicate how this collaboration will be beneficial to the individuals, units, college, and/or the advancement of the field, as well as specific extramural funding opportunities or possible sponsors the faculty member is planning to pursue in the future.

## **Instructions**

Applicant Name and Department. Please identify all applicants and departments involved. Correspondence regarding the proposal will be addressed to the person whose name is listed first.

Title of Project. Provide a short, descriptive title of the project.

Support During Last Three Years and Proposals Submitted. List the title, source, and amount of all awards during the last three years (including those involving HHS SRO/EDRG, USRG, FDA, startup, and extramural sources), as well as pending proposals. Please attach a brief (one page) report on the status/outcome of any HHS SRO/EDRG funds awarded during the past three years.

Abstract or Brief Description of Proposed Project. The abstract should be limited to no more than 250 words. This section should be written with the understanding that some reviewers will not be from your discipline. Clarity and conciseness are important in the abstract.

Two-Page Narrative. The applicant should write a two-page narrative clearly stating the purpose, objectives, and importance of the proposed activity. Also, be aware that not all reviewers will be familiar with the discipline or background of the proposed project. In reviewing proposals, consideration is given to the importance of the proposed project to the applicant's field, the applicant's ability to complete the work, and the probability that the work will lead to scholarly contributions such as publications, exhibitions, etc. Awards are contingent upon approval of the relevant University compliance committee for research involving vertebrate animals, biohazardous materials, radioactive materials, and/or humans, if appropriate.

Budget Itemization. Outline your request using the following categories: Personnel (e.g., UGRA/GRA, technical expertise, buy-out time for faculty, summer salary for nine-month faculty); Materials and Supplies; Travel (RSCAD-Related Only); Participant Support Costs; Other. It is important that your two-page narrative justify each proposed expenditure in sufficient detail for the Committee to understand its relevance to the project. Any proposal involving travel should include an itinerary detailing the budget and travel plans.

HHS EDRG proposals requesting travel should make clear why the project cannot be carried out without the travel and provide evidence that the proposed travel is cost-effective.

The required format for the two-page narrative is as follows:

- I. Title of Project
- II. Purpose and Objectives of the Project
- III. Detailed Description of the Project
- IV. Expected Outcomes of the Project
  - a. Potential Sources of Future Funding
  - b. Scholarly Output/Plans for Dissemination
  - c. Potential Benefits of Collaboration (option 3 ONLY)
- VI. Detailed Budget Justification

Short Vita. A short vita highlighting previous RSCAD pertinent to the proposed project should be provided for each faculty member. Following federal funding agency guidelines, the length should be two pages or less. If there are particular past activities that require more extensive treatment, their description can be embedded in the narrative section.

Signatures. Proposals **MUST** be signed by the applicant(s) **AND** the respective Department Head(s)/School Director at submitted by March 1st to fhooten@ksu.edu.