

Internal Sources of Funding

Research Support and Competitive Awards

The mission of the internal support and competitive awards programs is to foster excellence in research and scholarship by OHIO faculty and to support activities aimed at securing extramural funding. In the allocation of funds across program categories, highest priority is given to initiatives aimed at funding activities likely to enable leveraging for additional extramural funding as well as to initiatives aimed at scholarly activities for which availability of extramural funding is limited.

Various resources are used to support the internal support and competitive awards programs such as recovered indirect costs, general operating funds, endowed funds, and support programs directly from the State of Ohio. Due to the fluctuating nature of these funds please consult the website at <http://www.ohiou.edu/research/fundingsources.html> for a list of current programs and funding levels available.

Research Support Programs

Research Incentive (RI)

OHIO has a history of reinvesting a portion of recovered indirect costs (those costs that are allocated to the university to support items such as secretarial support, common use space, administrator costs related to grant work and utilities) back into the principal investigator/project director (PI/PD), department, and the dean of the college for research purposes. Distributions of these indirect costs are made on a monthly basis in the month proceeding the expense which generated the indirect cost charge. A general operating fund account is established for each principal investigator receiving research incentive funds. The project portion of the account number conforms to the following format "RXXXXXXX". The Research Incentive program is intended to provide faculty and staff with a source of funds to cover costs that otherwise might not be supported by grant funds, such as publication costs, conference travel, research assistants, or research assistant travel. PI/PD's are also encouraged to use the funds as bridge funds between awards to fund equipment upgrades and/or repairs, software upgrades, and even as match toward future awards. Restrictions on using the funds are minimal; however they may not be used to pay any portion of the PI/PD's salary, including summer salary, and they may not be used to support personal items such as visas or personal attorney fees. Unspent balances in Research Incentive accounts have historically been allowed to carry-forward into the next fiscal year. PI/PD's are encouraged to utilize the funds to leverage their research efforts in the most effective manner.



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Research Challenge (RC)

The Research Challenge program is a 1:1 matching program funded directly by the Ohio Board of Regents. Matching funds must come from the department or college. The challenge given to OHIO is to utilize these State funds to leverage funds from private and federal sources through collaborative research efforts and through research that has promise for future commercialization. Limitations on use of the funds are few. Please refer to <http://www.ohiou.edu/research/fundingsources.html> for a complete list of qualifications and guidelines for the program.



The Research Challenge Program is managed by the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs.

Faculty Research Support

The Faculty Research Support Program is designed to assist tenure track faculty at OHIO in carrying out their research, scholarship and creative activities by providing support for publication and subvention, travel support, and emergency equipment repair funds. The fund does not support conference travel of any kind. It is expected that faculty who are currently funded on grants support their associated costs for publication and related travel when sponsor guidelines and funded award budget permits these expenses. Faculty are encouraged to include such expenses in proposals submitted for external funding. Should the external funding agency limit the amount that can be spent, the Faculty Research Support Program can help pick up the difference. Faculty who are not presently funded should make the most use of this program. Research Scientists who do not hold a tenure track appointment must contact the Vice President for Research for special permission to be considered. Please visit <http://www.ohiou.edu/research/fundingsources.html> for the current allocation and directions for applying to the program.

Ohio University Research Committee (OURC) Chair's Discretionary Fund

Through this fund small awards of up to \$500 are made for research, scholarly and creative activity as a result of a direct request of the OURC Chair. See <http://www.ohiou.edu/research/fundingsources.html> for contact information.

Competitive Programs

Research Enhancement

Each year the Vice President for Research provides an allocation of funds to deans' offices to assist junior faculty in getting their research started at OHIO. The intent of the program is to provide promising junior researchers with salary support for their first summer month at OHIO in order to focus on establishing their research efforts. Most colleges select one or two recipients for these funds each summer. Contact your dean's office for specific applications and guidelines.

Presidential Research Scholar Award

Presidential Research Scholar Awards recognize OHIO faculty members for their outstanding achievements in research, scholarship, and creative activity as acknowledged by their peers and the awardee's promise for further distinguished contributions to their discipline. Awardees are first nominated and then complete a formal application at the request of the Council for Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity. Applications are reviewed by discipline specific Committees and recommendations for awardees are ultimately forwarded to the President who makes the final decision. Presidential Research Scholars hold the title for five years and receive a \$20,000 award to further their research, scholarship, and creative activity. See <http://www.ohiou.edu/research/fundingsources.html> for additional guidelines and restrictions.

Ohio University Research Committee (OURC)

Through the Ohio University Research Committee, OHIO makes funds available to all faculty and staff as seed money for new projects and support for projects where no other funding is available or where a special funding need has developed. Priority is placed on supporting faculty who are new to OHIO. Because funds are limited, the Committee must limit the scope and size of its awards. For projects on which progress has been made, investigators should consider an application to the Baker Fund. See <http://www.ohiou.edu/research/fundingsources.html> for eligibility and evaluation criteria.



OURC funding is generally allocated to support new faculty at OHIO.

Baker Fund Awards

The Baker Fund Awards Committee (BAC) has one funding cycle per year (typically in the winter quarter) for proposals which support research, scholarship and creative activity at OHIO. All regular tenured and tenure-track members of the faculty and full-time continuing administrative staff at all OHIO campuses are eligible to submit proposals in any field of study. The scholarly, technical, or artistic merit of a proposed project is the primary criterion for evaluation. The committee seeks to support projects which are near completion and can hopefully be brought to full completion with the assistance of an award. All projects on which progress has been made are eligible for consideration. Requests for funds to initiate projects are more appropriately directed to the Ohio University Research Committee (OURC).



Use Baker Fund Award to assist you finishing your already well established project. These funds are not allocated as seed money to begin new projects.

Activities which are related to an advanced degree program of the applicant are ineligible for BAC support, as are projects for development of curriculum, purchase of instructional materials or equipment, or furtherance of an administrative function of a department, school, college or other University unit. The BAC will not consider a proposal which is simultaneously under review by the OURC for the same or closely related project. Proposals to augment an OURC award will not be considered until at least one continuous academic year has elapsed since the OURC award was made.

The recipient of a BAC award is expected to remain at OHIO for at least one academic year after receipt of an award. All projects must be completed within one calendar year of the award. See <http://www.ohiou.edu/research/fundingsources.html> for additional details.

1804 Fund

The 1804 Fund was established by the Ohio University Foundation Board of Trustees. The fund supports the university's core mission of maintaining, strengthening, and enhancing a learning-centered community. Such a community values and develops the teaching, learning and research or scholarly activities of all its members. By its nature, the community promotes collaboration among units and interdisciplinary explorations and innovations. See <http://www.ohiou.edu/research/fundingsources.html> for additional information and funding availability.