Purpose and Scope

The purpose of faculty summer research grants is to increase research productivity and enrich the research environment within the Fogelman College of Business & Economics (FCBE). There is no intent to distribute summer research grants equally among FCBE academic units. Funding decisions and amount awarded are based on the merits of proposals submitted for consideration.

The total amount of funding available to support summer research grants and amount funded per grant is dependent upon available FCBE resources and may vary annually.

Eligibility

All tenured or tenure-track FCBE faculty, except Chairs of Excellence and those holding named professorships, may submit a summer research grant proposal subject to the following:

- Only one application per faculty member will be considered
- Only FCBE faculty may receive funding
- Co-authored applications with FCBE faculty shall share equally the grant funding
- Faculty members who receive new faculty summer research funding are ineligible
- Grant recipients may only teach one 3-credit course during the entire summer in which the grant is awarded
- Recipients of summer research grant funding are permitted to receive additional summer research funding from other sources per University policies for additional compensation
- Recipients must continue as a faculty member in FCBE throughout the academic year immediately following the grant award.

Application Requirements

Summer research grant applications must include a Research Proposal and Proposal Supplement.

Research Proposal

- Cover page with only the title of proposal (NO author name(s) or identifying information shall be included to ensure a blind review process)
- Proposal narrative that is a maximum of five (5) single spaced pages
- Statement of the research question, objective(s) of the planned research, and a statement of hypotheses to be tested if appropriate
- Discussion of contribution(s) anticipated by the completed research and a description of the relation between the proposed research and present state of knowledge in the field
- Description of source and availability of data required to complete the project as well as the methodology planned to analyze the data
Proposal Supplement

Separate from the research proposal, the following supplemental information must be provided:

- A cover sheet with the project title, name of proposer(s) and collaborator(s), and total amount of funding requested
- The planned contributions of all collaborators
- A detailed budget describing the intended use of the grant award
- A detailed time schedule for completing the research and intended manuscript submission date
- Information relative to the author(s) previous funding for summer research support in the past five years and resulting products of those grants (e.g., publications in A+ or A journals, externally-funded grant proposal submissions)
- Intended publication outlet for the primary manuscript that will describe the completed research, including documentation to support the quality of the publication outlet
- Description of possible externally-funded research grant(s) or contract(s) proposals and planned submission date(s)

Applications must be submitted via email to the Associate Dean for Faculty and Administration by the due date specified in the call for applications.

Evaluation Process

The PhD Sub-Council will evaluate the Research Proposals ONLY (to allow for a blind review process) based on the following factors:

- Relevance of the proposed research to business and economics research
- Quality of the research methodology
- Type and quality of data to be utilized as well as planned data analysis methods
- Contribution anticipated from the proposed research and likelihood of publication in a high-quality scholarly journal

The PhD Sub-Council will recommend recipients for the grant awards to the FCBE Dean. The Dean’s Office will make the grant award decisions.

Grant Awards

Grant award funding will be provided during the summer of the year awarded.

Recipients must prepare a report summarizing results of their grant activity. The report should be submitted via email to the Associate Dean for Faculty and Administration by the last day of the fall semester immediately following the summer in which the grant award was received.

Any publication resulting from research supported by a Fogelman College summer research grant must contain the following statement: “This work was supported in full or part by a grant from the Fogelman College of Business & Economics at the University of Memphis. This research support does not imply endorsement of the research results by the Fogelman College or University of Memphis”.