



SUPPORTING FACULTY RESEARCH

IGP, Scholarship Incentives, Symposia, Research Infrastructure, Interdisciplinary
Initiatives, eRA, and Facilitating Solutions

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Intramural Grant Program (IGP)

- 3 Categories: Faculty Research Initiation Grant (\$20K); Interdisciplinary Team Research Grant; and Good to Great Grant. Separate funding for Cyber Research Grants.
- Workshops were held in September and proposals were due November 9, 2018
- 95* submissions received
- Panel will meet on February 13-14, 2019
- Decisions for funding will be finalized in March 2019
- Currently looking at effectiveness of IGP (across time) and considering ways to improve processes that facilitate proposal submissions for external funding that build on the IGP funding.

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Incentivizing Scholarship Plans

- 2018
 - Incentivizing Scholarship Plan Overview document developed by FRC chair, interim VPR, and associate provost. Document reviewed by Provost and additional input received from FRC and ADR members. A second guiding document providing examples was developed by the FRC chair (with input from ADR and FRC members).
 - Input on both documents received from leadership within the academic units.
- 2019
 - Current draft of guiding documents under review with Provost
 - Academic units will be asked to develop incentivizing scholarship plans that are uniquely tailored to fit the goals of their faculty and are feasible to implement. Plans can be implemented at the college/school level and/or department level.

Research Symposia

- Faculty Research Symposium each fall semester and Student Research Symposium each spring semester (next student symposium is April 9).
- Faculty Symposium provides opportunities to showcase research activity across all colleges/schools, offer faculty networking opportunities, and provide venues for external partners and potential funders to interact with Auburn researchers.
- Creative Scholarship Showcase offers a biennial opportunity for faculty and students across diverse disciplines to present their creative works.

Research Infrastructure

- Teams comprised of ADRs, FRC members, faculty and staff are focusing on:
 - *Equipment*
 - *Space*
 - *Computing and Statistical supports*
 - *HR for research administration*
- The teams are looking at current capacity, gaps, and needs.
- Reports from the teams will be submitted before the end of the spring 2019 semester.

Interdisciplinary Team Research

- Auburn University Health Sciences Research Initiative
 - *Spans all AU colleges/schools*
 - *Needs exist at the state, regional, national and international level*
 - *Substantial funding is available*
 - *Dr. Marietta Harrison (Purdue) is serving as a consultant for the initiative. Second open forum – January 28 (11-12:30) room 1145 School of Nursing*
- Presidential Awards for Interdisciplinary Research
 - *11 funded teams*
 - *Additional teams pursuing internal and external funding*
- Research Cluster Hires (Strategic Hiring Initiative)
 - *Collecting information on accomplishments to date*
 - *Cool Research presentations at University Research Council Meetings*

Electronic Research Administration (eRA)

- IBM Consultants conducted an assessment summer 2018
- Follow up listening sessions conducted with academic units
- IBM currently assisting with envisioning the desired “end state”
- eRA vendor demonstrations occurring spring 2019.

Facilitated Solutions Process

- Available to address issues that interfere with research productivity and progress.
- Brings stakeholders together to discuss the issue and move toward a solution.
- Members of the Facilitated Solutions Team assist with moderating the stakeholder discussion and identifying the final decision maker.
- Desired outcome is to identify and implement a solution (follow evaluations as needed).
- Determining topics to address
 - *Information on research-related challenges gathered by electronic research administration consultants and by OVPR survey.*
 - *Listening sessions held by OVPR/Business Office leaders were held with academic unit leadership.*
 - *Emerging issues identified by faculty, staff, administrators.*