

# **FACULTY RESEARCH AWARDS COMMITTEE**

## ***FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS***

- **Faculty Research Fund**

- *Who can apply?*
  - Early career faculty or faculty who have historically not been research active, are permitted to apply.
- *What can these funds be used for?*
  - This award can be used for preliminary scholarly activity. There is an expectation the results from your study will be used in an application for external funding.
- *What can these funds not be used for?*
  - These funds cannot be used to reimburse previously incurred expenses.

- **Eleanor Lane Faculty Endowment**

- *What can it be used for?*
  - The Eleanor Lane Faculty Endowment awards up to \$3,000 to be used for faculty international travel to conferences to present original research and collaborate.

- **Nathan Deutsch Faculty Development Fund**

- *What can it be used for?*
  - The Nathan Deutsch Faculty Development Fund awards up to \$500 and can be used for all forms of scholarly projects/activities, such as travel to conferences or research sites, research-based supplies or publication fee, etc.

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- **Compensated Faculty Leave**

- *Options to apply:*

- *Option I:* After six academic years, if no leave has been used, a full academic year may be granted at half salary. One semester of leave at full salary may be substituted.
- *Option II:* Eligible persons who have no less than three years of service to Arkansas State University, and who have been accepted to an accredited graduate program compatible with the mission of the department or academic area, may be granted an academic year's leave of absence for the purpose of graduate study. Compensation shall be at the rate of 10 percent for each year of service to Arkansas State University, not to exceed 50 percent of the appointment salary.
- *Option III:* At the discretion of the Faculty Research Committee and the administration, compensated leave may be granted to retrain tenured faculty members employed in programs that are being reduced or phased out. Compensation shall be calculated at the rate of 10 percent for each year of service to Arkansas State University, up to a maximum of 50 percent of appointment salary.

- *Salary Determination.*

Compensated leave will be granted based on the appointment salary for the year in which the leave is in effect. During the leave period, the total salary from all sources shall not exceed the faculty member's appointment salary.

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- **How do I apply for a FRAC award?**
  - Applications are accepted through InfoReady, found on your my.Astate.edu homepage.
  - The deadline for applications is October 18, 2024 at 5pm CDT. The deadline is in October every year, but the due date varies and will be announced when applications are released.
- **Who decides who receives FRAC awards?**
  - Faculty Research Award applications are reviewed by a committee of faculty members, one from each of the university's colleges.
  - Compensated leave applications are ranked by the committee according to merit and submitted to the Provost for a final decision.
- **If awarded, when would I receive the funds?**
  - Successful faculty will be notified in the spring semester after their application submission and receive FRAC funds in the following July.
  - The funding cycle for these awards runs from July 1 – June 30 each year.
- **What is required from me after I receive the award?**
  - A final report must be submitted to RTT by July 31 immediately following the close of the fiscal year of the award.
  - Failure to provide the report in a timely manner will make the faculty member ineligible for future FRAC funding.
  - The report should include an abstract for publication on the RTT website and a brief (approx. 2 page) summary of 1) the research/scholarship plan, 2) outcomes, and 3) plans to further the activities.

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