

DATE: July 10, 2018

TO: Deans, Chairs and Academic Directors
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FROM: Charles G. Riordan, Vice President for Research, Scholarship & Innovation

RE: 2018-2019 UDRF & GUR Call for Proposals

The Research Office invites faculty to submit proposals for annual programs of the University of Delaware Research Foundation (UDRF) and the General University Research (GUR) fund. There are two UDRF programs (UDRF and UDRF-SI) to support scientific and engineering proposals, while the GUR provides grants for scholarly endeavors.

Complete guidelines and applications for each of these programs are available at: <https://udelawards.communityforce.com/Funds/Search.aspx>. Changes have been made to each of the three programs as described below. In addition, copies of successful prior applications have been included online.

Below are the three opportunities available to your faculty. Please share and encourage their participation.

1. UDRF grants to Early-career Tenure Track Faculty: UDRF funds may be requested up to \$25,000 (up to \$28,500 if a stipend for an undergraduate student is requested); with the required matching contributions (\$5,000/Dean and \$5,000/Provost) raising the potential grant size to \$35,000 (up to \$38,500 if a stipend for an undergraduate student is requested).

- “Preview Application” Copy and Webform due to the Research OfficeJanuary 21, 2019
- Research Office Approval by C&G SpecialistJanuary 24, 2019
- Research Development Office Approval to hit “Final Review and Submit” ..January 29, 2019
- Awards Announced.....March 31, 2019
- Funding Available.....April 1, 2019

Major changes to this year’s UDRF program include:

- ✓ When applying to the UDRF, applicants are allowed to request an additional \$3,500 for an undergraduate student to assist in research to be performed over the summer. Participating students are required to present at a poster session during the fall meeting of the UDRF Board of Trustees.
- ✓ Applicants are encouraged to include faculty/staff statisticians as co-investigators, when appropriate.
- ✓ Awards will begin April 1, instead of June 1.
- ✓ Awardees are required to secure prior approval from the Research Office for any re-budgeting requests exceeding 25% of the total award.

2. UDRF Strategic Initiative (UDRF-SI) Grants: The UDRF extends the Strategic Initiatives award program established in 2008 to support high-quality, collaborative, scientific research projects in alignment with the grand challenges outlined in the University’s strategic plan, *Delaware Will Shine (DWS)*. Proposals should address one or more of the seven grand challenges in DWS. In addition, the UDRF-SI program requires a collaborative joint proposal from a junior faculty member and a tenured faculty mentor.

UDRF-SI funds may be requested up to \$30,000; with the required matching contributions (\$5,000/Dean and \$10,000/Provost) raising the total award to \$45,000.

- “Preview Application” Copy and Webform due to the Research Office August 31, 2018
- Research Office Approval by C&G SpecialistSeptember 7, 2018
- Research Development Approval to hit “Final Review and Submit”.....September 12, 2018
- Awards Announced..... October 31, 2018
- Funding Available..... November 1, 2018

Major changes to this year’s UDRF-SI program include:

- ✓ Proposals are due in August instead of October.
- ✓ Awards will be available November 1 instead of December 1.
- ✓ Awardees are required to secure prior approval from the Research Office for any re-budgeting requests exceeding 25% of the total award.

3. General University Research fund (GUR) awards: GUR grants vary in amount with a maximum of \$15,000 and will be approved on the basis of individual merit including budget justifications. Matching funds are not required.

- “Preview Application” Copy and Webform due to the Research Office .. November 19, 2018
- Research Office Approval by C&G Specialist November 26, 2018
- Research Development Approval to hit “Final Review and Submit”.....November 29, 2018
- Awards Announced.....March 31, 2019
- Funding Available.....April 1, 2019

Major changes to this year’s GUR program include:

- ✓ All full-time faculty responsible for conducting research are eligible to apply. Preference is still given to early career faculty.
- ✓ The College Overview form is no longer required.
- ✓ The reviewer rubric is available at <http://www1.udel.edu/research/pdf/GUR-Reviewer-Rubric.pdf>.
- ✓ Awards will begin April 1, instead of June 1.
- ✓ Awardees are required to secure prior approval from the Research Office for any re-budgeting requests exceeding 25% of the total award.

4. Workshops:

The following in-person workshops for faculty and college/departmental research administrators will be held. The faculty workshops are designed to assist applicants succeed in preparing competitive proposals. The research administrator workshop is a refresher course regarding how administrators may assist faculty in processing proposals for internal funding. Workshop dates, times and locations are below.

Workshop	Date	Time	Location
UDRF- SI for faculty	July 27, 2018	11 am- 12 pm	105 Hullihen Hall
UD as a Sponsor for administrators	July 27, 2018	1 pm- 2 pm	105 Hullihen Hall
GUR Overview for faculty	October 12, 2018	1 pm- 2 pm	130 Hullihen Hall
UD as a Sponsor for administrators	October 12, 2018	2 pm- 3 pm	130 Hullihen Hall
UDRF for faculty	December 7, 2018	1 pm- 2 pm	105 Hullihen Hall
UD as a Sponsor for administrators	December 7, 2018	2 pm- 3 pm	105 Hullihen Hall

Registration for all workshops is available at <http://www1.udel.edu/research/training/>

The Research Office is in the process of updating the online workshops for those who are unable to attend the in-person trainings. Additional information will be provided once available.