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Subject: Reminder: Grant Incentive and Research Incentive Awards for Faculty
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January 5, 2024

Dear Faculty,

One of the major objectives for Clark University as we move forward is to increase research grant income. Higher research income reflects a stronger research active faculty, and contributes positively to various college rankings. To incentivize active external grant submissions, the Provost and OSPR are continuing with the Grant Incentive Awards for the faculty. This award comes in the form of one course release, and it is designed to provide necessary time for faculty to pursue grant applications. This competition is open to tenured or tenure track faculty members of any rank, as well as associate and full professors of practice, who are in the process of submitting a grant proposal. We welcome faculty applying for large federal grants, but other sources of grants will also be considered. Strong previous track record is a plus; although we will consider any faculty who is on the cusp of acquiring a major grant funding.

We anticipate providing this award up to 2-3 faculty in the 2024/25 academic year. The course release may be taken either in the fall or the spring. This award can be used in conjunction with course buy-outs *as long as it is buttressed with a strong rationale, does not compromise the departmental course offerings, and approved by the department chair.*

To apply, please send:

- A one page word document narrative that demonstrates a strong rationale for how the course release would increase the likelihood of grant funding, including specific grant information (including URL for the CFP), it's approximate size and deadline
- An updated CV
- A letter of endorsement including the likelihood of the success of this award from the department chair (one paragraph email would suffice)

Research Incentive Award

One of the major objectives of Clark University as we move forward is to increase Clark's research reputation. Prestigious awards and faculty citations are reflections of the research

reputation of Clark's, and they contribute to various college rankings. To incentivize high-impact research, the Provost and OSPR announces a research incentive award for the faculty. This award comes in a form of a course release, and it is designed to provide necessary time to faculty members to apply for a prestigious external fellowship (e.g., Guggenheim) or complete an important scholarly work, such as major publications or high visibility creative endeavors. Applications from tenure-track and tenured faculty, and associate and full professors or practice will be considered. This award can be used in conjunction with course buy-outs, as long as it is buttressed with a strong rationale, it does not compromise the departmental course offerings, and approved by the department chair.

We anticipate providing this award to one faculty member in the 2024/25 academic year. The course release may be taken either in the fall or the spring. The continuation of this program is contingent upon the effectiveness of this award, as well as the broader financial circumstances of the university.

To apply, please send:

- A one page word document narrative that demonstrates a strong rationale for how the course release would increase the impact of the scholarly endeavors and contribute to the institution's reputation (if applying for an external fellowship, provide URL and deadline)
- An updated CV
- A letter of endorsement including the likelihood of the success of this award from the department chair (one paragraph email would suffice)

Please send the above as email to Lisa Gaudette lgaudette@clarku.edu by **5pm, January 27, 2024**. As in other faculty awards, the Provost Council (comprised of provost and associate provosts) will make the determination. Decisions will be announced in mid-February.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Royo', with a horizontal line underneath.

Sebastián Royo
Provost