



WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY

MULTIDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH PROJECT AWARD (MURPA)

Award dates: Spring, Jan 1 thru Jun 30, 2009; Summer, May 1 thru Aug 31, 2009

(Summer pay is limited to those pay periods not allocated to the 9 months academic pay)

DEFINITION: Multidisciplinary research projects are defined as those that involve two or more investigators from different disciplines that focus different perspectives and capabilities on complex problems that intersect established areas of study.

GENERAL: Two awards for multidisciplinary research projects may be made, for up to \$5,000 each. They are intended as seed money to develop pilot data for proposals to be submitted to governmental agencies, foundations, or industries. Funds are restricted to WSU faculty project expenses. Awards may be requested for either Spring (January 1-June 30, 2009) or Summer (May 1-August 31, 2009). Proposals are reviewed by the Senate Faculty Support Committee. Requests for exceptions to grant terms and conditions may be considered.

ELIGIBILITY: Full time current probationary and tenured faculty members are eligible; those who request summer funding may hold no more than a 10-month appointment and have no teaching or other concurrent appointment or employment at WSU or elsewhere during two summer months. Awardees are expected to resume their appointments at WSU in fall for the next academic year. Endowed/distinguished professors are ineligible as are temporary and visiting faculty. Those who accept a Summer award from their college are also ineligible. A faculty member may receive only one of the following in a fiscal year: a MURPA, a University Research/Creative Projects Award (URCA), an Award for Research/Creative projects in Summer (ARCS), or a University LINK Award (ULINK). Faculty receiving a MURPA award are ineligible in this competition for the following three years.

DEADLINE: The deadline for a completed, fully signed application in the Office of Research Administration (ORA), for either Spring or Summer, is **October 8, 2008**.

PROPOSAL FORMAT: See "What to Submit" on the second page.

ALLOWABLE COSTS: For Spring awards, costs up to \$5,000 for salary of WSU student/technical assistants, supplies, travel, equipment, duplication, communication, and subject participation and expenses are allowable. For Summer awards, costs for the above items and WSU faculty salary are allowable, up to a total of \$5,000. **The need for each item requested should be clearly justified; roles of student/technical assistants must be clearly defined.** Costs **not** allowed include materials readily available from the departments; travel to present findings; course development; text book writing or typing; page, review, and reprint charges; dissertation preparation; food/catering service; and gift certificates/cards. Allowable expenses must be incurred during the grant periods of Spring -January 1 thru June 30, 2009 or Summer -May 1 thru August 31, 2009.

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION: Soundness and significance of the proposed research; **justification that the project to be conducted is a multidisciplinary project, requiring faculty from more than one discipline (faculty not necessarily from different departments)**; validity of methodology; qualifications of applicants; adequacy of resources and adherence to allowable costs.

AWARDS: Awards are made by the Associate Provost for Research from recommendations by the Faculty Support Committee, and subject to available funds. Awards will be announced by mid-November, 2008.

FINAL REPORT: A final report with all data/manuscripts/products generated is due in ORA on or before September 1, 2009 for a Spring award, or on or before November 1, 2009 for a Summer award. The filing of the report is a precondition to any future award.

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What to Submit

Include the following items in narrative form attached to the completed and signed cover sheet:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION - The text needs to include enough detail about the project so that reviewers can assess the quality, feasibility and significance of the project. It should also be written in **plain language** and **limited to 5 pages** that include items a-f. Any page(s) exceeding the limitation will be removed before circulation to the reviewers.

- a. **Abstract.** Provide a brief narrative in non-technical language describing the project, its overall goals and specific objectives, and the approach/methodology to be employed.
- b. **Background.** Present the project to be addressed and the importance of the proposed project.
- c. **Methodology/approach.** Provide both a description of and a justification for the project. **Why does this research lend itself to a multidisciplinary approach? Explain how the different background, ability, and skills of each investigator make this a truly multidisciplinary project. All investigators must have an active role in the project and the nature of their contributions to the project must be described.** Describe the project's design, sample size, measurement techniques, instrumentation, and data analysis. Include a timetable for accomplishing specific tasks. If student assistance is required, clearly delineate the activities of the faculty investigator and student.
- d. **Significance.** Describe the expected outcomes and their impact on current understanding, knowledge or practice, and how the project contributes to the applicant's professional development as a scholar.
- e. **Adequacy of resources.** Describe relevant experience, and the space, facilities and equipment that are available. Provide evidence for access to facilities elsewhere if necessary to carry out the proposed research project.
- f. **Planned proposal development.** Indicate funding agencies identified for proposal submission upon completion of this project, and include a time schedule.

VITAE - (PI and Co-PIs) - **Limit to 3 pages each individual.** Include date and institution of terminal degree, publications, and/or creative projects for the past 10 years (in print or accepted). The vitae must delineate the applicant's role in multi-authored citations (e.g., primary author, secondary author, principal investigator, co-principal investigator, data collection, data analysis, director, choreographer, etc.). Any page(s) exceeding the limitation will be removed before circulation to the reviewers.

BUDGET - Submit a detailed budget with an explanation justifying the amount requested under each category. See ALLOWABLE COSTS section above. *If Faculty and Student/Technical Assistant salaries are budgeted, the appropriate Fringes must also be budgeted.* If you do not know your Fringe Benefit rate or would like help with your budget, please contact Debby Werth, debby.werth@wichita.edu, x6806.

SUPPORT DOCUMENTS - Include support documents as appropriate.

SCHEDULE OF SUMMER ACTIVITIES - If funding is requested for a summer award, present a schedule of planned summer activities demonstrating that two summer months are available for the project.

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Proposal Application

ROLE	NAME	RANK/TITLE	DEPARTMENT/COLLEGE
PI			
Co-PI			
Co-PI			
Co-PI			

TITLE OF PROPOSAL _____

AMOUNT REQUESTED _____ PROJECT PERIOD FROM _____ TO _____

Check appropriate box(es) if this proposal includes any of the items listed below. **The cost of animal care and costs of disposal of radioactive wastes and hazardous wastes/biohazards must be included in the proposal budget.**

Humans _____* Animals _____* Radioisotopes _____* Biohazards _____*

* Initial of Committee Chair or Director of Hazardous Materials Office

PRIOR UNIVERSITY RESEARCH OR SUMMER GRANTS: DATE: _____ AMOUNT _____;

DATE _____ AMOUNT _____; DATE _____ AMOUNT _____; FINAL REPORT(S) FILED: YES ___ NO ___

PROPOSALS TO OUTSIDE AGENCIES (Last 3 Years): Attach continuation page, as necessary.

TITLE (abbreviated)	AGENCY	DATE	AMOUNT	STATUS

APPLICANT: _____ DATE: _____

ENDORSEMENTS: (Chairs and Deans of all investigators should provide written evaluative judgments of the project and its potential for faculty development.) Attach continuation page, as necessary.

CHAIRPERSON: _____ DATE: _____
 Comments (use additional page if necessary):

DEAN: _____ DATE: _____
 Comments (use additional page if necessary):

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 Comments (use additional page if necessary):

DEAN: _____ DATE: _____
 Comments (use additional page if necessary):