

# GSU Internal Grant Opportunities

The Office of the Vice President for Research administers several internally funded programs. Applications forms and guidelines are provided on the web. Faculty may only receive funding from a single program in any given academic year. A brief description of these programs follows:

## RESEARCH INITIATION GRANTS

**Research Initiation Grants** are made to full-time, tenure or tenured-track faculty to promote the scholarly and artistic activity of the faculty and to foster academic excellence within the University. This program is intended to help full-time faculty members meet the cost associated with these creative or research activities. Priority will be given to new members of the faculty, (particularly junior i.e. assistant professor in their first four years of their appointment or senior faculty in the first two years of their appointment) who need assistance in establishing research, scholarly or artistic programs. The primary criteria for review of applications will be the intrinsic scientific, scholarly, or artistic merit of the project. It is expected that this funding will lead to pursuit of external funding in those areas traditionally supported by private and public sources. **Faculty members may not receive two consecutive Research Initiation Grants.** The maximum grant is \$10,000.

## FACULTY MENTORING GRANT

**Faculty Mentoring Grants** are designed to encourage and support faculty efforts to obtain external support for their research. The program links faculty mentees that have not yet established a sponsored research agenda with experienced mentors and provides an informal program for mentees to cover the basic components of proposal preparation. **Faculty members are not eligible as mentees if they have ever received external grants or received funding from any of the competitive internal funding programs from the Office of the Vice President for Research.** The maximum grant is \$11,000 (\$10,000 for the mentee and \$1,000 for the mentor).

## RESEARCH TEAM GRANT

**Research Team Grants** foster collaboration between two or more faculty members at Georgia State University for the initiation of research and the preparation of proposals to be submitted to extramural funding agencies. Teams of faculty members from different departments are encouraged to apply. The maximum grant is \$15,000.

## RESEARCH PROGRAM ENHANCEMENT GRANT

The goal of the **Research Program Enhancement** fund is to enhance ongoing sponsored research of existing teams of three or more GSU faculty members, whose research has achieved national and/or international recognition and funding. Awards are made for up to three years. Applications are invited for: (1) Initial Funding - competitive funding for projects not previously supported by RPE funding; (2) Non-Competing Renewal - to be submitted in years two and three of a three year RPE-funded program; and (3) Competing Renewal - for research programs which are in their third year of Initial or continuation RPE-funding.

## PROGRAM TO SUPPORT SCHOLARLY RESEARCH CONFERENCES

The Office of the Vice President for Research supports a limited number of small matching grants designed to aid in the organization and promotion of scholarly and research conferences hosted by Georgia State University faculty. Conferences must be regional, national or international in nature. The funded activities must constitute a significant official activity of the conference and be held on the campus of Georgia State University. The goal is to fund those conference activities that bring distinguished researchers and scholars to campus so that they become more aware of our research, scholarly programs, and facilities.

The request will consist of a letter to the Vice President for Research stating the amount requested, the total budget for the conference, a description of how the funds will be expended and a short description of the nature of the conference including who will attend, expected number of attendees, and a discussion of Georgia State University's role in the conference.

Grants are limited to a maximum of \$3,000 per conference, require at least a 1:1 match of funds (i.e. the grant cannot exceed 50% of the entire budget for the conference), and may be requested at any time. It is anticipated that 3-5 awards will be made in any given year. There is no deadline for submission.

## TRAVEL GRANT

**Travel Grants**, limited to \$750, support single trips to a sponsoring agency or Foundation to facilitate the acquisition of extramural funds for a new research project. The award does not support travel to professional meetings. Proposals are accepted throughout the year. Funding to cover research related travel expenses may be obtained through the Research Initiation Program.

## EQUIPMENT MATCHING FUND

The **Equipment Matching Fund** program provides matching funds for equipment where faculty are submitting proposals to extramural funding agencies that require institutional matching dollars. Proposals are accepted throughout the year. All requests should be submitted in writing to the Vice President for Research prior to the submission of the grant. The letter should identify urgent nature of the requested instrument, the total cost, the matching requested and should be countersigned by the Department Chair and Dean.

## RESEARCH EQUIPMENT GRANT

The goal of the **Research Equipment Grant** program is to maintain and upgrade the infrastructure of the University by purchasing research equipment. Priority for Research Equipment Grant include: the improvement in the quality of research and its potential for outside funding; justification of the need for equipment to support the proposed research; and the impact of the research on students, faculty and staff. The maximum award is typically \$30,000.

## DISSERTATION AWARDS

The **Dissertation Grant Program** helps full-time doctoral students meet the anticipated costs associated with dissertation research. The program makes one-time awards of up to \$1,000. Proposals for the biannual competitions are due in the Fall and Spring. **Applicants are *ineligible* if they meet either one of**

the following conditions: 1) the applicant has his or her own external grant support; or 2) the applicant's dissertation advisor has: a) external funding and b) funding through the Research Enhancement Program.

## DIRECTED RESEARCH FUND

Directed Research Funds are available as matching funding for the recruiting of new faculty where the total setup expenses exceed \$50,000. In addition they are available to assist externally-funded faculty during a period of lapsed funding. The maximum award is \$50,000

### Internal Grants 2004 – 2005

Program	Grant Description	Maximum Award	Application Deadline*
Research Program Enhancement Grant	The goal of the <b>Research Program Enhancement</b> fund is to enhance ongoing sponsored research of existing teams of three or more GSU faculty members, whose research has achieved national and/or international recognition and funding.	OPEN	early December
Dissertation Grant	The <b>Dissertation Grant Program</b> helps full-time doctoral students meet the anticipated costs associated with dissertation research. The program makes one-time awards of up to \$1,000.	\$1,000	early December
Faculty Mentoring Grant	<b>Faculty Mentoring Grants</b> are designed to encourage and support faculty efforts to obtain external support for their research.	\$11,000	mid-February
Research Initiation Grant	<b>Research Initiation Grants</b> are made to full time, tenure or tenured-track faculty to promote the scholarly and artistic activity of the faculty and to foster academic excellence within the University.	\$10,000	mid-February
Research Equipment Grant	The goal of the <b>Research Equipment Grant</b> program is to provide funds for essential research equipment that will allow faculty to be more competitive in securing funding from external agencies.	\$50,000	early March
Research Team Grant	<b>Research Team Grants</b> foster collaboration between two or more faculty members at Georgia State University for the initiation of research and the preparation of proposals to be submitted to extramural funding agencies.	\$15,000	early March
Equipment Matching Funds	The <b>Equipment Matching Fund</b> program provides matching funds for equipment where faculty are submitting proposals to extramural funding agencies that require institutional matching dollars.	>\$20,000	OPEN
Travel Grant	<b>Travel Grants</b> , limited to \$750, support single trips to a sponsoring agency or Foundation to facilitate the acquisition of extramural funds for a new research project.	\$750	OPEN

\* Check with the Office of Sponsored Programs for specific due dates. Proposals must be delivered to the Office on Sponsored Programs, Alumni Hall no later than 4:00 pm.