Office of Research ‘Center Grant Incentive Program’

The WSU Office of Research Center Grant Incentive Program encourages the development of WSU’s systemwide strengths in creative activities, research, and scholarship through prestigious competitively funded center-type grant funding opportunities (see examples below). This program is designed to foster new ideas to enrich the lives of Washingtonians and beyond.

Examples of center grant funding opportunities include:

- NIH P-Series grants – Program Project/Center Grants
- NSF Centers – Science & Technology Centers (STC); Engineering Research Centers (ERC); Industry-University Cooperative Research Centers (IUCRC);
- DOE – Energy Frontier Research Center (EFRC); Bioenergy Research Centers (BRC)
- USDA – Centers of Excellence; NIFA/AFRI Coordinated Agricultural Projects (CAPS)
- DOD – Centers of Excellence; Multidisciplinary University Research Initiatives (MURI)
- DOT/FAA – Center of Excellence
- DOEd – Institute of Education Sciences (IES): National Center for Education Research (NCER) – Education Research and Development Centers program

Decision Criteria

- Degree to which the proposal supports WSU’s System Mission, Strategic Plan, and strategic research priorities and objectives
- Effectiveness of proposed utilization of additional F&A
- Potential for future external funding
- Effectiveness of project management plan
- Please note: Applications are limited to one resubmission application based on feedback from a denied proposal.

Source of Funding

Funding for the OR Center Grant Incentive program comes from central University funds, including but not limited to the F&A generated from the funded proposal.

Funding Cycle

WSU faculty may submit applications throughout the year, as long as there is an active or recurring proposal solicitation from the sponsoring agency.

Submission Information

- Name(s) of Requestor(s)
- Amount requested
- Amount provided by the unit, college, and campus
- Description and justification for the request, including:
  - Team members (names, cost centers, and email addresses) and other collaborators
- Brief project description and specific aims (200 words or less)
- Proposal budget
- How the evaluation criteria above are addressed
  - Attach RFP

- Requests under this program should be addressed to the OR, and be submitted electronically to or.orap@wsu.edu with a copy to Geeta Dutta (geeta.dutta@wsu.edu), Office of Research Assistant Vice President.

- Office of Research staff will review the request and work with the administering unit and/or Requestor to secure any additional information, as needed. The request will then be forwarded to the VP for Research for final review, after consulting with appropriate University leadership as necessary.

**After Review of a Funding Request**

- If the request is approved, a memo documenting the commitment will be distributed to key stakeholders. The Requestor will immediately notify the Office of Research once a funding decision is official (funded or non-funded) and the Office of Research will notify the stakeholders.

- If the request is not approved, the Requestor, as appropriate, will be notified immediately.

**Follow-up**

- The Dean/Chancellor is responsible for ensuring that the approved funding is expended as outlined in the request.

- Following the expenditure period, a report must be filed with the OR outlining utilization of the funding, progress in developing the research center and program, and any additional external grants received related to the awarded center grant.