

FACULTY RESEARCH AWARDS COMMITTEE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **Faculty Research Fund**

- *Who can apply?*

Early career faculty from all fields are permitted to apply to the Faculty Research Fund award, or those faculty who have not received grant funding for many years.

- *What can this money be used for?*

This award can be used for preliminary scholarly activity, the results of which will be used in an application for an external sponsored award.

- **Eleanor Lane Faculty Endowment**

- *What can it be used for?*

The Eleanor Lane Faculty Endowment is designed to be used for faculty international travel to conferences or research sites. The endowment allows for up to \$3,000 to be awarded.

- **Nathan Deutsch Faculty Development Fund**

- *What can it be used for?*

The Nathan Deutsch Faculty Development Fund can be used for scholarly activity, such as travel to conferences or research sites, help pay for research-based supplies or publication fees, etc. This award is capped at \$500 per faculty member.

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- **Provost's Challenge Research Seed Fund**

- *Who can apply*

- Tenured or tenure-track faculty
- Anyone who needs funding to start a new research project for proof of concept
- Anyone seeking preliminary data to develop a competitive external grant proposal
- Applicants will be prioritized who have identified specific sponsors and grant opportunities that will result in external applications for funding of \$500,000 or more.

- *What can the money be used for?*

- Up to \$60,000 over two years can be requested for faculty summer salary support, hiring research personnel, research supplies, equipment, and professional travel.

- *Are any limits on applications?*

- An investigator cannot apply for the Provost's Challenge Research Seed Fund and any other FRAC opportunities in the same application cycle.
- Since the Provost's Challenge Award is for two years, awardees are ineligible to apply for FRAC funding during the second year of funding.

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- **Compensated Faculty Leave**

- *Who can apply?*

1. Faculty can apply after completing six academic years of service.
2. Tenured faculty whose program is being reduced or phased out, may receive a sabbatical year to retain them. Compensation shall be calculated at the rate of 10 percent for each year of service to A-State, up to a maximum of 50 percent of appointment salary.
3. Academic administrators who hold faculty status, and have no less than three years of service, and who have been accepted into an accredited graduate program, may receive a sabbatical year for the purpose of graduate study.

- *What does sabbatical leave offer?*

Sabbatical leave offers full pay for one semester or half pay for an academic year.

- *Salary Determination.*

Compensated leave will be granted based on the appointment salary for the year in which the leave is in effect.

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- **How to apply for a FRAC award.**
 - *Applications are accepted through InfoReady, found on your my.Astate.edu homepage.*
 - *The deadline for applications is October 18, 2024, at 5pm CDT.*
- **Who decides who receives FRAC awards?**
 - *Faculty Research Award applications are reviewed by a committee of faculty members, one from each of the university's colleges.*
- **If awarded, when would I receive the funds?**
 - *Successful faculty will receive their FRAC funds in July 2025.*
- **What is required from me after I receive the award?**
 - *A final report must be submitted to RTT by July 31st immediately following the close of the fiscal year of the award.*
 - *Failure to provide the report in a timely manner will make the faculty member ineligible for future FRAC funding.*
 - *The report should include an abstract for publication on the RTT website and a brief (approx. 2 page) summary of 1) the research/scholarship plan, 2) outcomes, and 3) plans to further the activities.*

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