FACULTY RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

In support of the mission of Nova Southeastern University and the College of Psychology to advance scholarship, the objective of the fellowship program is to promote CoP faculty research. This fellowship complements existing support for faculty scholarship, with its expressed focus on increasing recipients' long-term competitive advantage in the pursuit of external grant funding. To achieve this objective, a primary component of the fellowship is to support research plans that focus on pilot data collection and/or publication, and development of an external grant proposal. The availability of funding for this program, the number fellowships supported, and the level of support are contingent upon annual budget availability. Below are other key components of the program.

Applicants can request a combination of funds and course release time.

- Funds: up to $3,000 per year for support of data collection and grant development.
- Time: release time of up to 2 courses during any academic year*. Departmental teaching needs must be met prior to any course release approval. Applicants are encouraged to communicate with the Department Chair prior to submitting a proposal.

Support can be dispersed over a period of several years.

- The parameters of this fellowship program reflect the understanding that a research project can take several years to conduct, from conception through conclusion. To that end, an applicant can request for funding renewal at the end of each year for up to three years of total support.
- Continued support beyond year 1 is contingent on demonstrated success during the previously funded year(s).
- The fellowship will end should the faculty member be awarded an external grant during the fellowship period.

The post-award process will include progress monitoring to promote faculty success.

- Fellows will be required to submit annual progress reports to the Office of the Dean. These reports will be used to monitor the fellows' progress on the funded projects, and in consideration for continued funding for multi-year projects. All fellows must also submit a final report at the end of their fellowship period.

* For the initial funding year, the course release may need to begin in the Winter semester to meet department teaching needs.

In accepting a fellowship through this program, a faculty member agrees to complete and submit proposals for additional funding outlets during the fellowship or within a reasonable time following the fellowship period (i.e., one year or a time to be agreed upon with the Associate Dean).

- Fellows will be required to apply for additional funding for the fellowship project through the President's Faculty Research and Development Grant (PFRDG). For multi-year fellowships, this requirement may be fulfilled during any one year. Fellows who have received PFRDG funding for an ongoing project or have completed data collection may be exempt from this requirement.

- Fellows will be required to develop a grant proposal for external funding either during, or at the conclusion of the fellowship timeline. Fellowship proposals must include identification of potential external funding opportunities to which the applicant may apply as part of the fellowship goals. Applicants must also demonstrate that the proposed fellowship activities will be a reasonable fit/preparation for those funding sources.

- Because the submission of a competitive external grant application is central to the goals of this program, applicants must include in their proposal evidence of their expertise in, and a history of successful contribution to the area of research to be supported. This aspect is critical, because an applicant for external funding must have the requisite preparation to carry out the grant successfully (as rated by reviewers). Therefore, it is recommended that faculty use this fellowship program to continue or expand on their existing successful line of research, rather than explore a new line of research.

Eligibility

Full-time faculty holding an academic rank in the College of Psychology are eligible to apply. As the purpose of the Faculty Research Fellowship is to increase the long-term competitive advantage of its recipients in their pursuit of external funding for scientific research, successful applicants must be able to demonstrate expertise and a history of success in the area of research proposed. The program supports faculty at various stages of readiness for external funding at the initiation of the fellowship, including starting a new research project, continuation of an existing project, development of manuscripts, and/or preparation of an external grant proposal. The requests included in the proposal should be appropriate (in terms of time/resources and length of support) to the activities proposed. Faculty may submit no more than one application per funding cycle. Faculty teaching load will be taken into consideration in the award determination.

Budget

Allowable budget requests include funding and release time for data collection and analysis, manuscript preparation, and external grant proposal development. Funding may be initiated at

any stage of the research program, from the development of a pilot project to the preparation of an external grant proposal. The fellowship does not support faculty travel (unless such travel is required for data collection or collaboration), faculty supplemental pay, research assistants, or computers.

Preference will be given to applications that propose to make efficient use of the limited funds, and request only that which is necessary to the successful completion of the proposed project. Support of this fellowship program is contingent upon annual budget availability.

Application Deadline

Applications are due via e-mail to the Office of the Dean (mmindy@nova.edu) by **5:00 pm on April 15th**. Applications will be reviewed and scored by a panel of researchers. Following the review, the Dean will make the final award decision and notification letters will be sent to applicants. All awards will begin on July 1st.