



Sam Houston State University
**Office of Research
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Academic Affairs

ORSP Internal Grants Program

General Overview

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Office of Research and Sponsored Programs Internal Grants Program

Sam Houston State University (SHSU) offers a comprehensive suite of internal grant programs designed to support and enhance the research capabilities of its faculty, staff, and students. These programs are designed to foster interdisciplinary collaboration, support new faculty, and provide broad-based research and development funding.

These funding mechanisms elevate the research profile of SHSU by providing targeted support that enhances faculty research's competitiveness and promotes academic growth. By offering tailored funding opportunities, SHSU ensures that faculty from diverse disciplines have the resources they need to pursue impactful and innovative research projects.

Changes This Year

To streamline and enhance the effectiveness of our internal grant programs, ORSP has consolidated and refined its research funding mechanisms by implementing the following changes to this year's competition:

Consolidation of Programs

- **Merging Individual Scholarship and Pilot Studies Programs:**
The Individual Scholarship and the Pilot Studies for Future Funding programs have been combined into a single, comprehensive *Research and Development Program*. This consolidation aims to provide more comprehensive support for various research endeavors, allowing for greater flexibility and a unified application process.

Expanded and New Requirements

- **Plan for External Funding**
All programs now require a detailed "Plan for External Funding" section. This requirement emphasizes the importance of securing future external funding and ensures that projects are designed with sustainability and long-term impact in mind.
- **Additional Funding for Student Research**
All programs now include additional funding for graduate and undergraduate research participation. This funding is designed to enhance student involvement in research projects, contributing to their academic and professional development. This funding is not factored into the maximum funding limit of the programs but is limited to project needs and justification.

Increased Funding Limits

- **Flexible Funding Allocations**

The funding allocations for the Interdisciplinary Collaboration and the New Faculty programs have been set at \$40,000, and \$60,000, respectively, while the new Research & Development program has an allocation of \$100,000. All programs can request additional funding to include graduate and undergraduate students in their research projects. This increase is intended to provide more substantial support for ambitious research endeavors.

Overview

New Faculty Program

The New Faculty Program provides partial start-up funding for new faculty members at Sam Houston State University across all disciplines. The funds awarded by this program aim to enhance the start-up package offered by the faculty's college and department, assisting them in developing sustainable, long-term scholarly programs that will contribute to a positive tenure vote. The requested funds can be used to purchase any necessary items for executing the proposed project, such as materials, supplies, travel expenses, and faculty salary. Faculty members must provide justification for how the requested items in the grant application will facilitate the launch of their sustainable scholarly program.

Funding:

- A typical award size is \$2,000 to \$4,000 per proposal, with a maximum limit of \$5,000.

Eligibility:

- All new faculty members at Sam Houston State University who have never received internal support as the Principal Investigator (PI) through the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) or external funding (as PI) while at Sam Houston State University are eligible to apply.
- Assistant, Associate, Clinical and Visiting faculty members are encouraged to apply.

Interdisciplinary Collaboration Program

The Interdisciplinary Collaboration Program supports collaborative projects among faculty and staff at Sam Houston State University. The proposed collaboration should be synergistic, with each investigator contributing a unique skillset necessary to achieve the goals and deliverables of the project. This collaboration aims to enhance the scholarly experience of each participant, expand their skill sets, and improve the quality and broader impacts of the work. Funds can be used to purchase necessary items for the project, but faculty must provide justification for how these funds will foster the proposed collaboration.

Funding:

- A typical award size is \$7,000 to \$15,000 per proposal, with a maximum limit of \$20,000.

Eligibility:

- Open to all SHSU faculty and staff without active awards from the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP).
- Co-PIs are not limited to SHSU faculty and staff, but external collaborators require additional approval. Applicants must contact ORSP before submission if they wish to include external investigators.

Research & Development Program

The Research and Development Program is designed to support a diverse range of research projects and scholarly activities conducted by faculty across all disciplines at Sam Houston State University. This program provides funding to advance innovative research, foster scholarly development, and contribute to the academic and professional development of faculty members.

Funds from this program can be used for a range of needs, including purchasing materials, supplies, travel, faculty salary, and other project-specific expenses. Proposals should clearly demonstrate how the project will enhance the competitiveness of future external funding proposals. The goal is to foster a culture of continuous improvement and innovation research at the university.

Funding:

- A typical award size is \$10,000 to \$15,000 per proposal, with a maximum limit of \$25,000.

Eligibility:

- Open to all SHSU faculty and staff without current internal support from the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP).
- Previous internal grants must be closed out and in good standing at time of application.
- PIs cannot have current support from ORSP to be eligible to apply.

Resources

We understand that preparing a proposal can be a challenging process, and we are here to help. The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs offers various resources and support services to assist you.

Our dedicated [team](#) is available to provide personalized guidance and answer any questions you may have. Additionally, we offer a repository of templates, examples, and detailed guidelines on our [Resources webpage](#) to help you craft a successful proposal.

Follow us on [social media](#) for more information on available resources and upcoming workshops designed to support your research endeavors.

Thank you for your commitment to advancing research and scholarship at Sam Houston State University. We look forward to reviewing your proposals and supporting your academic journey.

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