



Office of Research
Office of Sponsored Programs

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Dear UNC Faculty,

University budget constraints have significantly impacted FY2019 support for research, scholarship and creative works (RSCW). The FY2019 budget for RSCW was cut by \$425,000 from the amount requested, from \$1.425M to \$1.0M. Consequently, internal programs to support RSCW have been dramatically cut, and the continuation of several programs will remain in question until the FY2020 budget is determined.

Specifically, the budget for programs reviewed and awarded by the FRPB—namely the New Project Program (NPP), the Provost Award for Travel (PAT), and the Research, Dissemination & Faculty Development (RDFD)—was pared back by nearly \$150,000. As a result, the FRPB agreed to modify the award maxima for these programs, and will adjust the award competition guidelines accordingly.

- The NPP was reduced from \$60,000 to \$20,000. The maximum award amount was reduced to \$4,000, and only one competition will be held next year, in the Fall.

- The PAT was reduced from \$186,000 to \$126,000. The maximum annual sum of all PAT awards per faculty member was reduced to \$3,000, and the number of competitions (three) will remain unchanged. The annual faculty professional development allocation of \$1,200 per faculty member remains intact.

- The RDFD was reduced from \$124,000 to \$84,000. The maximum award was reduced to \$8,000, and the number of competitions (two) will remain unchanged.

- The Faculty Publication Fund (administered by the Faculty Publication Fund Committee) was reduced from \$10,000 to \$5,000.

Updated application guidelines and award criteria will be posted on the Office of Research website (www.unco.edu/research) in the near future. Faculty are encouraged to carefully follow all program guidelines to be competitive in the reduced funding environment.

The future of the other internal RSCW programs will be decided next fall. These include the Summer Support Initiative (SSI), the Teaching Release for RSCW program, and the Sponsored Research Fellows (SRF) program. Current iterations of all three programs initiated in FY18 will continue as planned for the current cycle. However, absent the replenishment of some or all of the RSCW budget, all three programs face elimination next year.

Questions regarding the details of the FY2019 RSCW budget may be directed to the Office of Research. General concerns and feedback should be directed to your Faculty Senate representative.

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