The Office of Research and Graduate Studies (ORGS) has several programs intended to support scholarship, research, and creative activities at Central Michigan University. These programs range from supporting activities undertaken by undergraduates and graduates, to providing matching funds for externally funded projects.

The internal funding programs are intended to meet three overarching goals, which are to:

- Provide opportunities for undergraduates to become involved in research or creative projects under the guidance of faculty mentors.
- Provide funding for graduate students.
- Increase the ability of CMU faculty and staff to compete for external funding for their research or creative work.
- Provide support for meritorious scholarly or creative projects where opportunities for external support are either limited or non-existent.

Funding opportunities are provided for faculty and staff as well as for undergraduate and graduate students. The programs to support research and creative activity are:

**FACULTY AND STAFF**

There are several programs designed to provide internal support for research, scholarship and creative endeavors by faculty and staff.

The *President’s and Provost’s Awards for Outstanding Research and Creative Activity* recognizes the achievements of faculty for research and creative accomplishments. Recipients receive partial reassignment from teaching duties along with professional development funds. **Total 2016-17 funding:** $73,000.

The *Faculty Research and Creative Endeavors (FRCE)* program is administered by a faculty committee appointed by the Academic Senate with oversight and grant management provided by ORGS. **Total funding for 2016-17:** $286,000. FRCE provides support for:

- Publication through Publication and Exhibition Cost Grants
- Presentation at meetings, conferences or exhibitions through Premier Display Grants
- Research Grants to support research, scholarship, or creative endeavors; there are three types of awards with maximum funding of $3,500 to $8,000.
There are three internal programs which ORGS administers. These are:

1. **Proposal Match** ORGS will help provide institutional match for external proposals with a matching requirement or for equipment or facility proposals where support is expected and increases the probability of funding. In most instances, match is arranged collaboratively with a shared commitment from the college. **Total 2016-17 funding:** $175,000.

2. **Research Incentive (RIA) Awards** and **CS&E/ORGS Research and Grant Guidelines** provide course reassignment for faculty who are successful in obtaining large external awards. **Total 2016-17 funding:** no limit on awards.

3. **Vice President’s Discretionary Fund:** The Vice President for Research has a discretionary fund to support one-time requests for research-related activities that are not covered by the FRCE program or OSP’s other programs. These funds are also available for projects with commercial potential that need funding to engage in activities that support further development of the concept. **Total 2016-17 funding:** $60,000.

**UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS**

Undergraduate Funding Opportunities – Programs for Undergraduates are listed below:

The **Summer Scholars Program** provides summer stipends of $3,000 and up to $500 toward project expenses to allow students to spend the summer working on a research or creative project mentored by a faculty member. **Total 2016-17 funding:** $35,000.

**Undergraduate Research and Creative Endeavors Grants** provide up to $500 toward project expenses for a research or creative project mentored by a faculty member. **Total 2016-17 funding:** $10,000.

**Undergraduate Presentation Grants** provide support to allow students to present their work at a state, regional, national, or international conference. **Total 2016-17 funding:** $5,000.

The **Student Research & Creative Endeavors Exhibition (SRCEE)** is an annual event that showcases and recognizes student research, scholarly and creative projects from across campus. **Total 2016-17 funding:** $10,000.

**President’s and Provost’s Awards for Undergraduate Research and Creative Accomplishments** recognize outstanding undergraduate research or creative work. **Total 2016-17 funding:** $3,500.

**GRADUATE STUDENTS**

Graduate Funding Opportunities – Programs for Graduate students are listed below:

The **Dissertation Research Support Grants** provide up to $1,200 toward project expenses for a doctoral dissertation project. **Total 2016-17 funding:** $15,000.

The **Graduate Assistant Conference Grants** provide $100 to allow for graduate assistants (GA’s) in the union to attend a state, regional, national, or international conference. **Total 2016-17 funding:** $5,000.

The **Graduate Presentation Grants** provide up to $500 to allow for students to present their work at a state, regional, national, or international conference. **Total 2016-17 funding:** $7,500.
The *Graduate Student Research and Creative Endeavors Grants* provide up to $800 toward project expenses for a research or creative project for a master’s or specialist’s student. **Total 2016-17 funding:** $15,000.