



Office of Research and Graduate Studies

INTERNAL SUPPORT OF RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES 2020 - 21

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.

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. FRCE provides support for:

- Publication through Publication and Exhibition Cost Funds
- Presentation at meetings, conferences or exhibitions through Premier Display Funds
- 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 additional 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.
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.
3. **Vice President for Research Discretionary Awards** are intended to support research and scholarship by allowing faculty and staff to take advantage of unforeseen opportunities or to deal with unexpected problems encountered during a project.
4. **Bridge Funding** can provide financial support for existing programs for which external funding has expired but where renewal of external funding is likely in the near future.

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.

Undergraduate Research and Creative Endeavors Grants provide up to \$500 toward project expenses for a research or creative project mentored by a faculty member.

Undergraduate Presentation Grants provide up to \$350 to allow students to present their work at a state, regional, national, or international conference.

President's and Provost's Awards for Undergraduate Research and Creative Accomplishments recognize outstanding undergraduate research or creative work.

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.

The **Graduate Assistant Conference Grants** provide \$200 to allow for graduate assistants (GA's) in the union to attend a state, regional, national, or international conference.

The **Graduate Presentation Grants** provide up to \$500 to allow for students to present their work at a state, regional, national, or international conference.

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.