



THE EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE
OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON

ACADEMIC GRANTS



Sponsored Research Grants

Evergreen Sponsored Research Awards

Each year, Evergreen reserves funding from the legislature to support faculty research projects. Sponsored research awards are competitive; in some years the college is able to fund only a quarter of the proposals it receives.

Applications for 2007-08 are due Friday, October 26, 2007 at 5 p.m.

Proposal writing mentors

The following faculty members have served on Sponsored Research selection committees or written successful Sponsored Research proposals. In some cases, they've done both. They have agreed-to the degree their schedules allow-to be available for questions and advice about putting together good proposals. Please feel free to call on them to request assistance.

- *Susan Aurand* , ext. 6711
- *Helena Meyer-Knapp* , ext. 6549
- *Greg Mullins* , ext. 6243
- *Nalini Nadkarni* , ext. 6621
- *Erik Thuesen* , ext. 6584
- *E.J. Zita* , ext. 6853

Sponsored Research faculty panels

We have scheduled two brownbag lunchtime sessions where past recipients and selection panelists will share their insights about what goes into successful Sponsored Research applications. Feel free to come to one or both sessions, and to bring your lunch.

The sessions are:

Thursday, October 4, 12 noon to 1 pm, Sem 2 A1107

- Greg Mullins
- Erik Thuesen
- E. J. Zita

Tuesday, October 9, 12 noon to 1 pm, Sem 2 A1107

- Jack Longino
- Helena Meyer-Knapp

Funding is awarded in three categories:

1. Research Awards involving **paid leaves** which may not exceed one quarter in the regular academic year or two months in the summer.

2. Seed Money to develop projects or professional agenda which are meritorious but not far enough along to be competitive for funding from within or without the college.

3. Grants-In-Aid to support an ongoing professional agenda that has already been judged from within and without the

college to be of high quality. *Grants-in-aid may be used to purchase materials needed for research, attend professional meetings, publish scholarly work, and pay for other requirements to advance a faculty applicant's professional endeavors. An application for research awards and seed money may request a portion their award in grants-in-aid funding if needed to complete the scope of a proposed project.*

Sponsored research applications are due in the provost's office by 5 p.m. on the third Friday in October. The provost announces the upcoming competition and deadline each September.

Eligibility

- All regular members of the faculty or library faculty are eligible for sponsored research awards. Visiting, adjunct, and administrative faculty are not eligible.
- There is no relationship between eligibility for professional leaves as described in [section 6.100](#) of the Faculty Handbook and those described as sponsored research. While a person could not hold both leaves simultaneously, they could be held consecutively.
- A person is not eligible for paid leave from sponsored research funds for more than two consecutive years, nor for more than three such leaves in a five year period.
- Paid leave will not be granted for the sole purpose of completing advanced degree requirements.

For additional eligibility requirements and award limitations, please refer to the Faculty Handbook, [section 6.300](#)

Application Procedures

Applicants for sponsored research funds must submit the following:

- A two to three-page letter including at least the following:
 - Statement of the proposed activity.
 - Purpose and scope of activity.
 - A broad statement of the author's professional agenda showing how the proposed leave fits into that agenda.
 - Benefits expected from the activity in light of the faculty member's strengths and weaknesses.
 - Detailed plans for carrying out the activity.
 - Dates and length of leave requested.
 - A statement of how the proposed absence might affect the curriculum.
 - Two letters of support which speak directly to the content of the proposed activity;
 - A current curriculum vita;
 - Information concerning expected remuneration, if any, from any other source(s).
 - Reports from all previously funded sponsored research awards.

Applications may be hand delivered to the provost's office or submitted by email to sponsres@evergreen.edu.

Selection Process

A faculty committee, selected from across disciplines by the Agenda Committee, studies the proposals and selects the recipients. Proposals are evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Thoroughness of proposal.
- Merit of proposed activities.
- Extent to which these activities will improve the faculty member's professional competence in scholarship at TESC.
- Extent of the apparent benefits of the proposed activities to the college's curricular offerings, academic resources or administrative services.

General Considerations

Paid leaves financed by sponsored research funds may only be used in support of professional activity **other than teaching**, and must have the highest sort of merit which the college demands of itself. The professional activity or scholarship could, however, be *about* teaching or pedagogy (and should be expected to enhance one's teaching), but

the expectation is for a product additional to one's own teaching activity.

Given the size of TESC and the constraints on faculty staffing patterns, however, it will not be possible to ignore completely the impact of a faculty member's absence for leaves proposed during the regular academic year. A report on the previous use of any sponsored research money is required as part of any sponsored research application.

Click here for a listing of *past Sponsored Research Awards*

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