

Faculty Research & Publication Board Provost's Seed Grant (PSG) Guidelines

Purpose of the Program

The Provost's Seed Grant is a research incentive that provides faculty with support leading to the submission of extramural funding opportunities.

Application Deadlines

1. Notice of Intent to Apply deadline: September 27, 2024
2. Application Release Date: September 30, 2024
3. Application submission deadline: October 8, 2024

Grant Duration

PSG grant funds will be obligated for one year from the date of award notification. Any unexpended grant funds will be returned to UNC upon submission or at the end of the one-year grant period.

Applicant Eligibility

Tenured, tenure-track, and contract renewable faculty with an explicit expectation of research or scholarly activity are eligible to apply for funds to support course buyout and activities necessary to generate a competitive extramural funding application. Preference will be given to high-impact applications to extramural sources with a demonstrable return on investment (ROI). Applicants must not be delinquent in submitting final reports for any internal grants/awards to be eligible to apply for PSG. Individuals cannot receive more than one PSG during a single academic year. All applicants must have the approval of their Chair/Director and Dean if course buyout or other salary support is requested.

Funding Limitations

Requests must not exceed \$15,000 for project support, including salaries, fringe and all other expenses.

Review Criteria

- Applications will be reviewed by the Faculty Research and Publications Board (FRBP) and recommendations for funding will be submitted to the Associate Vice President for Research and Provost for final funding decisions.
- Review criteria include: the intellectual merit and broader impacts of the proposed project; fit with funding agency/sponsor goals; potential for success of the extramural funding request as judged by the grant-funding concept; the researcher's or research team's research and funding record(s) to date; and potential of the team composition to implement the project.

Return on Investment (ROI) / Deliverables

- A grant application must be submitted to an external source within one (1) year of award.

- If no grant submission occurs, Seed Grant recipients will not be eligible for any internal funding for a period of 3 years.
- Preference will be given to extramural submissions with a significant ROI compared to requested funds.
- Comments received from the sponsor must be shared with ORSP.
- If not funded, additional funds and assistance with resubmission at the next feasible deadline may be available if resubmission is appropriate.