



The Office of Sponsored Programs and Research

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The University Research Committee

are pleased to announce for Fall 2018 the Request for Proposals for

**Donor-Funded Grants to Research Responses to Sexual Misconduct on
College Campuses**

Deadline for Application: October 1, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Award Notification: not later than November 1, 2018.

Institutional Review Board (Human Subjects Protection) Consideration: In order to expedite the process, faculty are encouraged to submit IRB applications to college representatives concurrent with Intramural Research and Creative Endeavor Award application submissions.



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Overview

Purpose:

An anonymous donor has established a fund to research responses to sexual misconduct on college campuses using MSU as a case study. The donor hopes that the immediacy of this research might serve to improve processes that can address and reduce the devastating impact of sexual misconduct on today's college students. The donor, who has had a lifelong interest in enhancing the safety of students on college campuses, said that an enormous opportunity exists at this point in time to make important strides in this area. It is hoped that by studying processes in place at MSU Texas and their impact on student safety, significant improvement might be facilitated on campuses across the nation.

The gift will fund competitive research projects in the following fields:

- Behavioral and social sciences;
- Criminal justice;
- Mass communication;
- Higher education practice and policy; and
- Student affairs.

The outcomes of activities funded through this grant must be published studies or poster or oral presentations of national stature.

Eligibility and funding limits:

Applications are encouraged from tenured faculty, professional staff in applicable fields, and students conducting research supervised by tenured faculty, and will be determined by existing policies in place for intramural grants awarded through the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research. Funding requests may vary, but should not exceed \$5,000 for faculty and \$2,500 for staff or students.

University rights:

Title to all permanent materials and equipment purchased with MSU funds rests with Midwestern State University. Current MSU policy will prevail to answer questions regarding intellectual property rights for research or creative productions resulting from projects supported by MSU funds. If the grant recipient's official employment at MSU terminates during the award period, the MSU grant terminates on the same day.

Adjudication of Proposals:

Complete proposals will be read and ranked by members of the University Research Committee. Incomplete proposals will not be ranked. Evaluation and awards will be made on the basis of intellectual and creative merit, plans for dissemination, and adherence to application guidelines. Moreover, the clarity and quality of the written text will be important considerations in ranking.

Membership of the University Research Committee:

The committee reports to Dr. Kathryn Zuckweiler, Dean of the Graduate School and Director of the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research, who convenes and chairs the sessions. Each College appoints a member to serve as the representative to the committee. Appointments are made at the beginning of the Fall semester.



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Application Guidelines

1. **Deadline:** Applications are due in electronic format to the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research (OSPR) via email as an attachment at: sponsoredprograms@mwsu.edu not later than October 1, 2018 at 5 P.M.
2. **Format:** PDF or Microsoft Word documents and Microsoft Excel spreadsheets will be accepted. The application must be double-spaced and should use the Times New Roman font (12 point). The narrative shall not exceed 10 pages; however, the bio sketch(es) and the intramural budget spreadsheet are excluded from the page count. Margins should be at least 0.5 inches. **Proposals that do not adhere to the application guidelines will not be considered for funding.**
3. To aid in the thorough evaluation of your proposal by committee members outside your field please ensure that language within the application is jargon-free and clear to readers.
4. Two categories of funding are available:
 - (a) Tenured Faculty Funding: up to \$5,000
 - (b) Professional Staff or Student Funding: up to \$2,500
5. Faculty may apply for funding to support supplies, student wages, travel, and/or expected publication costs, or funding for research-related equipment, defined as equipment, software, or online databases with a cost of \$500 or greater necessary to conduct research. (Note: For clarification on research-related equipment, see Fiscal Regulations and Procedures Policy number 5-21 Higher Education Assistance Fund (HEAF). These guidelines will be used for determining eligibility of equipment). Please identify these different categories on the project summary. When purchasing equipment above \$500, include quotes for the equipment/software/databases with the project application. Faculty may not apply for release time.

6. Results from grant-funded research are expected to be disseminated nationally, preferably no later than 2020.
7. A **Final Report** of the research/creative endeavor is due in the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research upon completion of the project. The report is to be submitted electronically to sponsoredprograms@mwsu.edu. A template for the report is available on the OSPR website.



Description of Application Packet Materials Required

1. Project summary sheet (see the Application form on the [Office of Sponsored Programs and Research Donor-Funded Grants website](#)) that includes an abstract;
2. **Faculty:** Bio sketch for primary investigator, and any co-investigators if applicable, to include (limit all bio sketches to two pages):
 - a. Education
 - b. Academic rank
 - c. Academic Experience (include years in each position)
 - d. Peer-reviewed publications relevant to the subject of the grant application
 - e. Peer-reviewed presentations relevant to the subject of the grant application
 - f. Funded projects and grants

Professional Staff and Student Researchers: Include a CV or résumé that emphasizes educational background and academic qualifications (limit résumés/CVs to two pages).

3. Purpose/aims of the research:
4. Research question(s) and/or hypothesis(es): State the research question(s) and/or hypothesis(es) to be examined through this project;
5. Justification of the importance of the project, including (i) alignment with donor wishes and (ii) support for the faculty member's research trajectory;
6. Literature review with substantive citations/references in MLA, APA, or other discipline-specific format;
7. Research design and methodology: Clearly describe the design and methodology to be used.
8. Protection of human subjects/animals (if applicable to the project): Clearly describe methods for protection of human subjects or animals and state plans for attaining IRB or IACUC approval if required.
9. Budget justification: The budget information must be entered into the required intramural budget spreadsheet template, which can be found here: [OSPR Donor-Funded Grant web page](#). In the proposal narrative, clearly explain all budget expenditures, and

include quotes for equipment greater than \$500, as an appendix to the application (quotes from vendors and the budget spreadsheet are not counted in page limit). Differentiate between (i) the research budget and/or (ii) the research equipment budget. Use State of Texas travel rates available at the following link: [Texas Travel Rates](#);

10. Timeline for the project, by month, with dissemination occurring no later than 2020.
11. Specific plans for dissemination of the findings of the project on a national level.
12. Description of other university funding and how it relates to the project described in this application.
13. **Signatures from the dean and department chair** indicating their knowledge of and support for the proposed project.
14. **Language within the application must be jargon-free and clear to readers outside your field.**