



FALL 2020 INTRAMURAL GRANTS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

INTRODUCTION TO MSU TEXAS INTRAMURAL GRANTS

As part of the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research mission to support and enhance research across MSU Texas, Intramural Grants are designed to encourage, facilitate, and support MSU Texas research. The grants are intended to support research efforts of faculty, staff, and graduate students. The term “research” is used broadly, and includes traditional research, creative endeavors, and all forms of scholarly expression.

The number of awards made are contingent on the availability of funds as well as the quality and quantity of applications received.

WHAT INTRAMURAL GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE AT MSU TEXAS FOR FALL 2019?

All applicants should select one of the following grant categories. Applicants with questions about categories, eligibility, or other aspects of the application process are encouraged to contact Brittany Norman in OSPR at sponsoredprograms@msutexas.edu.

Grant Description	Deadline	Individual Award Values (not to exceed)
Interdisciplinary Research Development Grant	Oct. 1, 2020	\$5,000 or \$7,500 (if research & equipment funding are requested)
Field Research Support Grants	Oct. 1, 2020	\$5,000, or \$7,500 (if research & equipment funding are requested)
Exploratory Research Pilot Grants	Oct. 1, 2020	\$5,000, or \$7,500 (if research & equipment funding are requested)
Research Equipment Grants	Oct. 1, 2020	\$5,000
Research and Community Impact Grants	Oct. 1, 2020	\$5,000, or \$7,500 (if research & equipment funding are requested)

INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

- **Deadline for Application:** Oct. 1, 2020 at 5 p.m.
- **Grant funding period:** Nov. 16, 2020-Aug. 31, 2021
- **Funding limit:** Two categories of funding are available. Faculty are eligible to apply for:
 - research/creative endeavor funding (limit \$5,000); or
 - research-related equipment funding (limit \$5,000); or
 - both categories of funding (limit \$7,500).

This competitive program provides seed funding for interdisciplinary teams to develop new and innovative research directions with the goal of competing for future external funding opportunities. Areas of particular interest include emerging areas of significant research funding (including, but not limited to, climate change, resilience, cyber security, STEM education, affordable health care, health, digital arts and humanities, etc). Applicants should consult with their department chair(s) and dean(s) about areas of special interest within their college. Projects whose teams consist of PIs and co-PIs from different colleges are heavily favored. An explicit strategy for securing external funding must be outlined in the proposal. The proposal must describe how the early collaborative efforts will result in new research or creative activities that will lead to external funding, and how MSU Texas will benefit from the research. The grant must identify at least one external funding opportunity that the team will commit to applying for. These grants are not a source of continuing support for an ongoing program, nor can the funds be used for travel to attend or present at professional meetings or conferences. Applicants with questions about categories, eligibility, or other aspects of the application process are encouraged to contact Brittany Norman in OSPR at sponsoredprograms@msutexas.edu.

A graduate student research project can be attached to the faculty member's grant, and an additional \$750 can be requested for the student award. The graduate student should develop their grant proposal separately using the Graduate Student Research Grant application form. When requesting a graduate student grant, the PI should make clear the role played by the student in the proposed research. In addition, please remember that all graduate student grants must be expended within the same academic year in which it is awarded—not at the end of the fiscal year, as with faculty grants.

FIELD RESEARCH SUPPORT GRANTS

- **Deadline for Application:** Oct. 1, 2020 at 5 p.m.
- **Grant funding period:** Nov. 16, 2020-Aug. 31, 2021
- **Funding limit:** Two categories of funding are available. Faculty are eligible to apply for:
 - research/creative endeavor funding (limit \$5,000); or
 - research-related equipment funding (limit \$5,000); or
 - both categories of funding (limit \$7,500).

The faculty field research support grant is designed to support research and creative activities of faculty members gathering data from the field (including, but not limited to, field/ground research and archival research; gathering pilot data). The FRS grants are considered startup funds for research, in that they should lead to the growth and development of continuing research programs. They are not a source of

continuing support for an ongoing program, nor should they be viewed as an alternative source of funds for programs already developed to a level that normally would justify support from external agencies nor travel funds to attend or present at professional meetings. Research and creative activities will be broadly interpreted; therefore, a large range of activities can be supported. Faculty members are encouraged to submit proposals for projects that have a potential to produce future externally funded support. Applicants with questions about categories, eligibility, or other aspects of the application process are encouraged to contact Brittany Norman in OSPR at sponsoredprograms@msutexas.edu.

A graduate student research project can be attached to the faculty member's grant, and an additional \$750 can be requested for the student award. The graduate student should develop their grant proposal separately using the Graduate Student Research Grant application form. When requesting a graduate student grant, the PI should make clear the role played by the student in the proposed research. In addition, please remember that all graduate student grants must be expended within the same academic year in which it is awarded—not at the end of the fiscal year, as with faculty grants.

EXPLORATORY RESEARCH PILOT GRANTS

- **Deadline for Application:** Oct. 1, 2020 at 5 p.m.
- **Grant funding period:** Nov. 16, 2020-Aug. 31, 2021
- **Funding limit:** Two categories of funding are available. Faculty are eligible to apply for:
 - research/creative endeavor funding (limit \$5,000); or
 - research-related equipment funding (limit \$5,000); or
 - both categories of funding (limit \$7,500).

The research pilot grant is intended to support the research and creative activities of faculty members gathering data. In order to be eligible for this program, the applicant must be with the university in a tenured or tenure-track position.

The goal of this program is to support and encourage the development of strong programs of research and creative scholarship by faculty members throughout the university. Grants are considered startup funds for research, in that they should lead to the growth and development of continuing research programs. They are not a continuing source of support for an ongoing program; nor should they be viewed as an alternative source of funds for programs already developed to a level that would normally justify support from external agencies. Neither should they provide travel funds to attend or present at professional meetings. Faculty members are encouraged to develop proposals for projects that have a potential to produce future externally-funded support. Applicants with questions about categories, eligibility, or other aspects of the application process are encouraged to contact Brittany Norman in OSPR at sponsoredprograms@msutexas.edu.

A graduate student research project can be attached to the faculty member's grant, and an additional \$750 can be requested for the student award. The graduate student should develop their grant proposal separately using the Graduate Student Research Grant application form. When requesting a graduate student grant, the PI should make clear the role played by the student in the proposed research. In addition, please remember that all graduate student grants must be expended within the same academic year in which it is awarded—not at the end of the fiscal year, as with faculty grants.

RESEARCH EQUIPMENT GRANTS

- **Deadline for Application:** Oct. 1, 2020 at 5 p.m.
- **Grant funding period:** Nov. 16, 2020-Aug. 31, 2021
- **Funding limit:** \$5,000

The Research Equipment Grants program supports the purchase or development of research equipment to be used by individual investigators or teams of investigators working on innovative projects that already have or will have the potential for external support. Eligible projects must demonstrate how the equipment enhancement will benefit research at MSU Texas with respect to scholarship and external funding portfolios. All funding requested through this program must be used for equipment. Applicants with questions about categories, eligibility, or other aspects of the application process are encouraged to contact Brittany Norman in OSPR at sponsoredprograms@msutexas.edu.

RESEARCH AND COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS

- **Deadline for Application:** Oct. 1, 2020 at 5 p.m.
- **Grant funding period:** Nov. 16, 2020-Aug. 31, 2021
- **Funding limit:** Two categories of funding are available. Faculty are eligible to apply for:
 - research/creative endeavor funding (limit \$5,000); or
 - research-related equipment funding (limit \$5,000); or
 - both categories of funding (limit \$7,500).

This competitive program provides funding for projects that advance faculty research and provide positive impact to the campus and local community.

The goal of this program is to support and encourage the development of strong programs of research and creative scholarship by faculty that benefit the community. Examples of such programs include (but are not limited to) workshops, summer programs, and lectures. All projects must involve clear research goals and outcomes. These grants should support new and innovative research programs and community projects or new directions for existing programs and projects. These funds should not be viewed as an alternative source of funds for programs already developed to a level that would normally justify support from external agencies. Neither should they provide travel funds to attend or present at professional meetings. Faculty members are encouraged to develop proposals for projects that have a potential to produce future externally-funded support. Applicants with questions about categories, eligibility, allowable expenses, or other aspects of the application process are encouraged to contact Brittany Norman in OSPR at sponsoredprograms@msutexas.edu.

A graduate student research project can be attached to the faculty member's grant, and an additional \$750 can be requested for the student award. The graduate student should develop their grant proposal separately using the Graduate Student Research Grant application form. When requesting a graduate student grant, the PI should make clear the role played by the student in the proposed research. In addition, please remember that all graduate student grants must be expended within the same academic year in which it is awarded—not at the end of the fiscal year, as with faculty grants.