



2020-2021 Research Activity Award Application Faculty and Research Staff

About these awards: Five percent of indirect costs from grants and contracts is returned to the College to be used for Research Activity Awards (RAA) to stimulate research and scholarship. Ten percent of departmental indirect costs (“enrichment funds”) continues to be directed to units and is administered by chairs and directors. The focus of the RAA program is enhancing excellence and innovation in research.

Awards will be made to individuals or groups of faculty or research staff that:

- build competitiveness and leveraging the investment with extramural funding
- strengthen graduate programs and undergraduate research experiences
- foster programs with high potential to impact Kentucky’s economy, society, or natural resources

Priority will continue to be given to faculty and research staff in early or transitional stages of their career and to those that address the CAFE Strategic Plan goal to produce innovative solutions through multidisciplinary collaborations.

Eligibility

Applications are accepted from department chairs for the following activities planned for fiscal year 2021:

- Faculty-directed research support (bridge funding, seeding new initiatives, mini-grants, student research enhancement, etc.)
- Research seminars/ symposia/ workshops
- Research equipment purchases, maintenance, repairs, and upgrades
- Undergraduate research experiences (stipends or hourly wages; supplies and expenses, etc.)
- Travel to conduct research, gain experience with cutting-edge research tools and methods, or collaborate on grant proposals.

Level of Support

The typical range for RAAs has been between \$500 and \$3000. Funds are to be expended within the fiscal year the award is made. Requests should include some level of department or other match whenever possible. [Larger requests can be made with substantial justification and should benefit multiple faculty.]

Limited Submission

Applications from individual faculty or research staff, or multiple faculty/staff from a single department are limited to **five (5) per department**. Additional applications involving faculty/staff from multiple departments or units may be submitted by the lead investigator’s chair and will not count toward the limit.

Excluded Uses

RAA funds cannot be used for:

- Faculty or staff salary (including teaching buyouts) or supplements
- Purely instructional or service costs
- Routine office supplies and equipment

- Travel to present research at a professional meeting with the exception of keynote or featured session speakers who receive formal invitations. Acceptance of an abstract submitted voluntarily by the applicant is not considered an invited talk.

Due Date

Completed RAA Application forms (attached) should be sent to CAFeresearch@uky.edu by department chairs, complete with their endorsement, no later than Tuesday, October 6, 2020.

Questions? Please contact Tom Hanna in the Research office at 257-3009 or CAFeresearch@uky.edu.

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Research Activity Award Application

Faculty/Staff Member Name _____ E-mail _____

Department _____ Phone _____

Funding use (if used for travel, please include dates):

Statement indicating how the funding will contribute to research innovation and excellence:

Itemized Budget:

Total budget amount \$ _____ Less departmental match -\$ _____ = RAA requested \$ _____

Departmental Fiscal Officer Name & E-mail _____

Chair endorsement, including evidence of financial need:

Chair Name (please type): _____

Deadlines:

Application -- Tuesday, October 6, 2020

Awards -- on or around October 20, 2020

Expenditures -- June 30, 2021

Send to Research Office, CAFResearch@uky.edu