



USF Research Council - Faculty Announcement

2024-2025 Research Council Internal Awards

Recent evaluations of the research enterprise at USF have highlighted the critical need to increase support, modernize infrastructure, and improve efficiency of operations. In response to these critical reviews, the USF Research Council has reorganized the USFRI Internal Awards program to enhance growth and productivity throughout the USF research community.

The award deadlines are listed below. Refer to the Application and Guidelines on the [Internal Awards Program](#) website. The award announcements will be emailed and posted within one month of the deadline.

Open October 2024:

Conference Planning Grant (CONF)	
Applications Open	Monday, October 28, 2024
Application Submission Deadline	Monday, November 25, 2024, by 5pm

Interdisciplinary Center Preparation Grant (ICPG)	
Applications Open	Monday, October 28, 2024
Pre-Proposal Submission Deadline	Wednesday, January 15, 2025, by 5pm
Full Proposal Deadline	Friday, April 4, 2025, by 5pm

Multi-User Research Capitol Investment Award (MuRCIA)	
Applications Open	Monday, October 28, 2024
Submission Deadline	Monday, February 10, 2025, by 5pm

The grant programs are available to USF faculty who are tenured, tenure-earning, or in a non-tenured (regularly renewable) position that requires independent research.

Award submissions will be available on [InfoReady](#). Guidelines are/will be located on the USF Research & Innovation [Internal Awards Program](#) website. Please review the *Grant Types* herein and the posted *Guidelines* on the website, to ensure you apply for the most relevant grant.

Grant Types

A. Conference Planning Grant (CONF) – to provide supplemental funding for faculty in their role of planning and implementing national and international conferences to enhance the USF research and creative environment, along with bringing prestige and recognition to USF and the State of Florida. Conferences held locally will receive preference. However, conferences planned at a national or international location are eligible. The applicant must have an integral role in the conference planning process.

Maximum Budget: \$7,500. Recipients have 12 months from the award date to hold the conference.

B. Interdisciplinary Center Planning Grants (ICPG) – The Interdisciplinary Center Preparation Grants (ICPGs) are designed to incentivize and accelerate nucleation and success of large-scale program-project or center types of grants, as defined in the stated disciplinary area (typically corresponding to grants involving multiple PIs and involving funding amounts that considerably exceed that of a typical single-investigator grant). These grants are designed to incentivize faculty to lead large-scale innovative interdisciplinary efforts that help enhance the excellence of USF research and include faculty from distinct programs/departments. Consequently, ICPGs must target a specific program project or center type funding opportunity (as defined in relevant research field) and should have quantifiable returns on investment in new grant dollars, increase research productivity, enhance degree programs, and promote attainment of other AAU/state metrics See [Internal Awards Program](#) for further details.

Maximum Budget: \$300,000 or 10% of the targeted external grant proposal amount, whichever is less.

C. Multi-User Research Capital Investment Award (MuRCIA) – Multi-User Research Capital Investment Award (MuRCIA) are intended to enhance research activities and increase competitiveness for external grants. Enhancement can be in the form of small equipment or purchase of software or other items that can be utilized to enhance research productivity. Applicants should demonstrate that there will be multiple users from different colleges and/or regional campuses. The intent of this opportunity is to support equipment purchases that enable collaborative groups of faculty, rather than to provide general core facilities support, for which other funding opportunities are available. These awards are designed to help faculty obtain new external funding. Consequently, MuRCIAs should have quantifiable returns on investment in new grant dollars, increase research productivity, enhance degree programs, and promote attainment of other AAU/state metrics.

Maximum Budget: \$150,000

Decisions pertaining to funding are final and the Research Council reserves the right to recommend funding at any level up to the maximum.

The mission of the Internal Awards Program is to foster excellence in research and scholarship by USF faculty and support activities aimed at securing extramural funding.

Questions regarding the forms or procedures should be directed to **Tina Lucas, Research Development Institute**, rsch-internal-awards-program@usf.edu.